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JANUARY 2, 1810 TO APRIL 4, 1810

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[133] In Common Council January 2d 1810

Present DeWitt Clinton Esquire Mayor
John Bingham Esquire Deputy Mayor.

Peter Mesier
Thomas Carpenter
Charles Dickinson 3d w^{d}
James Roosevelt
Cha^{s} Dickinson 7th ward
Joseph Watkins
Mangle Minthorne
William Torrey
Aldermen

Sam^{l} Jones Junior
Peter Hawes
Augustine H. Lawrence
Robert Bogardus
William Hoghland
Isaac S. Douglass
Thomas Timpson
Edmund Kirby &
John Palmer
Assistants

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

Sundry memorials were received remonstrating against the assessment for opening Walker Street, which together with the assessment for opening said street, which was presented by the Street Commissioner, were referred to the Committee on Streets.

A petition was received from George Clinton and John M'Kesson, stating, that [134] they are proprietors of certain lots in the Fifth ward, bounded Southerly by Murray Street, Northerly by Warren Street and Westerly by the West line of a water grant heretofore made to the Corporation of Trinity Church and praying for a grant of the water lot between their line and West Street, which was referred to the Comptroller

A petition was also received from Coert Went, praying an abatement of the rent of the Lot N^{o} 112 fronting Chatham Street, which he held under lease from this corporation, which was also referred to the Comptroller

A memorial was received from Fire Company N^{o} 30, requesting, that a larger engine might be given to them, which was referred to the Committee on the Fire department.

Petitions were received from John Hogg and John Patterson, praying remission of a penalty, which they had incurred by selling liquor without licence and referred to the Attorney of the Board

Petitions were received from Benjamin Rowe to be appointed an officer and from John Thomas to be appointed an Inspector [135] of wood, which were severally referred to the Committee on applications

An application was received from Robert Watts for the purchase of a small lot of ground, adjoining to a lot, which he owned fronting on State Street, which was referred to the Committee on Streets

A memorial of Peter P. Van Zandt, which on the 2d of October last, had been referred to a committee; but which had not been reported on, was now referred to Alderman Fish Roosevelt & Carpenter

An application was received from Sir James Jay for the purchase of a Lot owned by the Corporation in Magazine Street, which was referred to the Comptroller

A request was received from the Commissioners for laying out Canal Street, that they might be permitted the use of the maps, profiles &c. in the Street Commissioner's office. Whereupon ordered, that the Street Commissioner be authorized to furnish the said Commissioners with such of the maps &c. in his custody, as they may, from time to time require, he taking from them receipts for [136] the safe return of the same.

The Superintendant of Streets recommended, that the 15th Section of the Law " For the appointment of a Superinten*den*dant of Streets " Passed 11th January 1808 might be re-enacted, in place of the 17th Section of the Law " to provide for the sweeping and cleaning of the streets &c passed 20th March 1809. Whereupon resolved, that it

" Be ordained by the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York in Common Council convened, That the owners or occupants of each house or lot of ground in the said city, and the person having the charge of every church, cemetery, jail or other public building and the land thereunto belonging adjoining to any street, that has been or shall be paved, shall, within the first four hours, between sunrise and sunset, after every fall of snow, or hail or rain, which shall freeze on the side walks or in the gutters, cause the side walks and gutters to the breadth of one foot, opposite such house, building, or land to be cleaned off the same, unless the same shall be so congealed, that it cannot be removed [137] without injury to the pavement every such owner or occupant shall, within the time aforesaid, cause the side walks to be strewed with ashes, sand or other proper materials to enable persons to walk with safety thereon. And every person offending or being guilty of any neglect in the premises, shall forfeit & pay for the first neglect the sum of two dollars, and for every hour thereafter, during which such neglect shall continue, the further sum of twelve and an half cents for every twenty five feet in length of any side walk or gutter, which shall not be cleaned or not strewed as aforesaid, as the case may be, and so in proportion for a greater or less length of side walk or gutter"

Resolved that the 20th section of the law aforesaid "to provide for the sweeping & cleaning of the streets" &c be and the same is hereby repealed

John H. Sickles was appointed an Assessor for opening Cross Street in place of Luke Kipp, who was, by mistake, appointed at the last meeting of the [138] Board, being already one of the Assessors

A former report of the Lamp Committee on the account of Jacob Cholwell late Contractor of Lamps, and his objections to the said report were now referred to the Lamp Committee

The City Inspector reported the draft of an ordinance for filling in certain sunken Lots at Corlaer's Hook, which was passed

An account of Robert Sutton for work at Corlaer's Hook Market was presented and referred to the Comptroller

The Superintendant of the Alms House presented a communication, stating, that from the numbers, which were already in, and were daily applying for admission into the Alms House, he was of opinion, that it would be necessary to accommodate some of the Paupers at Bellevue, which would be attended with great inconvenience and considerable additional expence. He, therefore, suggested the propriety of endeavouring to procure the room [139] adjacent to the Alms House lately granted by the Board to the Trustees of the African School. Ordered, that the same be referred to Alderman Carpenter Bingham & Mr Jones

A letter was received from Mr George Newbold declining the acceptance of the office of Commissioner of the Alms House, Whereupon the Board proceeded to ballot for a Commissioner in his place, when Roger Strong was elected

The Comptroller presented an account of Beekman M. Van Beuren Superintendant of Roads, which was referred to the Road Committee.

The Foreman of Fire Engine Company No 7 reported, that the new Fire Engine some time since directed to be built for that company was now compleated. Whereupon, ordered, that the same be delivered.

A resignation of Charles Golden as Fire Warden of the Sixth ward was received, [140] which was accepted & Luke Kip was appointed a fire warden in his place

The following persons were appointed Firemen, the Chief Engineer certifying corresponding vacancies

N° 1

Peter Edsell, carpenter N° 197 Church St 5th ward. v. Alexander M'Kenzie resigned

N° 16

Peter Fannick clerk Burling Slip 2d v. Isaac G. Sherman expelled

N° 24

Herman Emmons, grocer, Maiden lane 3d v. William Cairnes resigned

George C. Hand, Cabinet maker Partition Street v. William Peters resigned

The Alderman and Assistant of the Seventh ward, to whom was referred the petition of John Gardner reported as follows " The Alderman and Assistant of the Seventh ward, to whom was referred the complaint of John Gardner against DeKlyne and Cunningham for not complying with an ordinance for filling up a certain piece of ground at Corlaer's Hook by them leased of Thomas Gardner, some years since, beg leave to report

[141] From what information we can get it appears, that they have been deprived of the use they have made of it as a Sawyard as Mr John Gardner has docked out in front of them and deprived them of the use of the water, necessary for the use of the saw-pitt—Mr Cunningham has since failed in business and his creditors are in possession. We conceive it to be a hard case, as it relates to DeKlyne & Cunningham and recommend, that an ordinance be passed to compel the owners of the ground to fill up the same

Jany 2d 1810

Charles Dickinson
Thomas Timpson "

The above report was confirmed & the Street Commissioner directed to report an ordinance agreeably thereto

The Attorney of the Board, to whom was referred the petition of George Duff, praying remission of a fine for selling liquor without licence reported in favour of the petitioner, which was confirmed

[142] The Committee of wharves, piers & slips, to whom was referred the Statement of the Street Commissioner on the subject of the Contracts of Daniel Woolsey & Walter Allen for sinking & making the piers between Fly Market & Burling Slips reported as follows

"The Committee of wharves, piers & slips, to whom the Statement of the Street Commissioner of the date of the 16th December 1809, on the subjects of the Contracts of Daniel Woolsey and Walter Allen for making the piers between the Fly Market Slip & Burling Slip was referred respectfully report, That it appears by the said statement, that the said piers are now completed according to contract, and in a workmanlike manner, and that there are balances now due from the Corporation to the Contractors upon the said contracts to the amount of three thousand five hundred and seventy dollars and thirty four cents being the third & fourth [143] installments of what was payable thereon by the Corporation and that to enable the corporation to make the said payments, when they shall become due, the proprietors of lots fronting on South Street, who are interested in the piers, at the time the contract in question was made, came under an engagement to advance the said sum to the Corporation on their bonds by way of loan to be repaid at future periods of time and to bear an interest of seven per Cent per annum.

It is understood, however, that the Corporation are at liberty to pay the said balances themselves, if they choose, without calling on the proprietors for the stipulated advance: But it is believed, that in the present state of the finances of the Corporation, this cannot be done without the aid of a loan. And the Committee beg leave further to report, that they have the offer of a loan to the Corporation of the sum necessary for the purpose at an interest of six per Cent per annum [144] on the security of the bond of the Corporation, the interest to be paid half yearly in equal installments and the principal to be repaid at the expiration of, or at any of the times of the payment of half yearly interest within the term of five years, at the election & pleasure of the board

These terms it will be seen are more favourable to the Corporation than those agreed on by the proprietors of the lots on both streets. The committee are, therefore of opinion, that the offer made to them ought to be accepted and the Comptroller authorized to negociate the loan accordingly upon the terms proposed as stated in this report, and that the said balances due to the aforesaid contractors on the contracts aforesaid be paid out of the money to be raised by such loan. The Committee further report, that in case of the concurrence of the Board in this report, an arrangement will be made, with the lender of the money, by which the amount of the loan will be placed in the

Treasury so as to meet the proper warrants, that may be [145] drawn in favour of the contractors for the balances aforesaid

All which is submitted

James Roosevelt
S. Jones Junr
Edmund Kirby

Whereupon ordered, that the above report be confirmed and that the Comptroller be directed to issue the bond of the Corporation for the money so to be borrowed & warrants were also directed to issue to Woolsey & Allen for $3570 $^{34}/_{100}$ for payment of the balances due them viz to Allen $1570.$^{34}/_{100}$ to Woolsey $2000

The Committee on the communication of the Street Commissioner respecting the proportion of the expence for paving Albany Basin, which is to be borne by the Board presented a report, which was referred to the Committee on Streets.

The Committee on the petition of Thomas Scott for payment of balance due him for paving Albany Basin reported, that the prayer of the petitioner ought to be granted, which was agreed to and a warrant was directed to issue in his favour for the balance due him being $553 $^{10}/_{100}$

146] The Committee on applications, to whom had been referred the several applications for offices, reported, that they find it impossible to ascertain the merits of the several applicants, so as to designate the most proper to fill the respective offices; they, therefore, beg leave to refer to the Board, the appointment of such persons as they shall deem most proper, Which report was agreed to

The Committee, to whom was referred the petition for a new slip at the foot of Walnut Street reported. Ordered that the same lie for further consideration

The Alderman and Assistant of the 4th ward, to whom was referred the assessment for opening Bancker Street, reported, that, in their opinion, the assessment ought not to be confirmed, which was agreed to. Whereupon Leonard Fisher, Simeon Skellin Jedediah Waterman, John Abeel & Henry Laverty were appointed assessors to make the assessment, under the ordinance formerly passed for that purpose.

The Committee of Charity, to whom was referred the petition of Ann Vandenburgh praying the suspension of the payment of an assessment on a Lot corner of North Moore & Varick Street reported, that "they believe from the representation they have received, [147] that the facts within (in the petition) stated are correct, and presuming no great inconvenience can result from suspending for a few months, the collection of the assessment alluded to recommend to the Board that the same be suspended till the first of June next

Peter Mesier
January 2^{d} } Isaac S. Douglass
1810 } William Torrey
Edmund Kirby

Ordered that the said report be confirmed

The Market Committee to whom was referred the petition of Frederick Glawshorn to receive a Butcher's Licence & to be assigned, to stall N^{o} 4 Spring Street market, reported in favour of the petitioner, which was confirmed

The Committee, to whom was referred the petition of the Trustees of the Orphan Assylum, presented a report, which was ordered to lay for consideration until the next meeting of the Board.

The Street Commissioner represented that the Commissioners for laying out Canal Street had called upon him for a statement [148] of the demands of the Corporation against Canal Street. He stated, that anticipating that request, he had prepared a statement of the advances and assumptions of the Corporation for Canal Street amounting to \$58,405 ${}^{22}/_{100}$ which he presented—Ordered, that said communication be referred to the Canal Committee.

The Street Commissioner presented assessments for laying the curb & filling the walks from the North side of Water Street from Montgomery Street to the East River, and for laying the curb & filling in the walk on the North side of Cherry Street from Rutger Street to Gouverneur Street—which were confirmed and Andrew P. Martin was appointed collector

The Street Commissioner presented a statement of the expences incurred in obtaining the Triangular piece of ground, at the intersection of George, Lombardy and Cheapside Streets amounting to 544 ${}^{74}/_{100}$; of which 250 ${}^{94}/_{100}$ had been advanced by the Corporation and was to be refunded on the assessment. He also presented an ordinance for assessing said expences, which was passed & William Hunter, William Ball, Adolph Carter, William Johnson [149] and William Weeks were appointed Assessors.

At the request of the Superintendant of repairs, the Comptroller was directed to examine his accounts up to the 31^{st} Dec^{r} last

On motion, Resolved, that the Committee on Laws and ordinances be directed to enquire whether the increasing of the Bread Inspectors' districts would not be adviseable; and if so, to report at the next meeting of the Board an ordinance accordingly

On Motion, resolved, that all ordinances, resolutions, advertisements & other notices, which shall, from time to time, be ordered by this Board to be published in the Public News Papers employed by the Corporation, shall be published in the News Paper called the Commercial Advertiser edited by Zachariah Lewis, and that he receive the same annual compensation for the same as is given to the other printers of News papers, who are employed by the Corporation

The following was presented. Resolved, that Peter Paulding be removed from office as Foreman of the City watch [150] of the Second street, which was agreed to.

The Board provided to ballot for a person to fill the vacancy; but no person having a Majority, the board then proceeded to appoint viva voce, when Robert Tolfrey was duly appointed

The following was presented, Resolved, that Isaac Anderson be dismissed from the office of Captain of the City Watch for the 3d district. On the question to agree to the same, a division having been called, it was carried in the affirmative in manner following

Affirmative			Negative
Aldn Mesier		Mr Jones	Aldn Bingham
Carpenter		Hawes	Minthorne
Dickinson	3d wd	Lawrence	Mr Hoghland
Roosevelt		Bogardus	Mr Timpson
Torrey		Douglass	Mr Palmer
Dickinson	7th wd	Kirby	
Watkins		Hardenbrook	

Whereupon the Board proceeded to ballot for a person to fill the vacancy, [151] when Jacob Hays was duly chosen. It was then ordered, that Jacob Hays take charge of the watchmen now under the command of George Goodheart & that George Goodheart take command of the watchmen lately under the charge of Captain Anderson

The following was presented, Resolved, that Abraham DeBaum be dismissed from the office of Assistant to the Captain of the watch in the 3d district, which was agreed to, and Isaac Bogart was chosen by ballot to fill the vacancy

The following was presented—Resolved, that John S. Hunn Street Commissioner be removed from office. On the question to agree to the same, a division having been called, it was carried in the affirmative; The members voting in the same manner as on the question for the removal of Isaac Anderson. The Board then proceeded to ballot for a person to fill the vacancy, when Samuel Stillwell [152] was chosen Street Commissioner

On Motion, it was resolved, that Edward Moran be dismissed from his office as Assistant to the Street Commissioner

Ordered, that the Mayor issue his warrants to pay the following sums viz

Accounts audited

James Hardie Asst City Inspector 1 Mo	$62.50
R. Graves Superintendant of Sts Do	62.
Mott Hicks Asst St Commissioner Do	52.
Andw Otterson Do Do Do	52.
Edward Moran Do Do Do	52.
William P. Roome Keeper Potter's field Do	31.
Robinson & Curtis, Carriage hire for Road Committee & Street Commissioner from 4th May to 17th Augt 1809	13.50
J. Hogan paving intersections certified by the Street Commissioner	29.96
Cornelius C. Van Allen Interest on 2 Bonds, due estate Cornelius Clopper 1 year to 17th Decr 1809 $2500 @ 5 pr Ct	125.
Peter Burtsell for 14 maps of the city Binding 16 charters & 16 Corporation Ordinances & Stationary for Road Committee	131.75
[153] Thomas Scott, paving front of Swartout's Basin	553.10
	1164.81
Walter Allen, pier on E. side of Fly market Slip	1570.34
Daniel Woolsey, pier W. side of Burling Slip	2000.
Dols	4735.15

[154] In Common Council Jany 8th 1810

Present DeWitt Clinton Esquire Mayor
Pierre C. Van Wyck Esquire Recorder
John Bingham Esquire Depy Mayor

Peter Mesier
Thomas Carpenter
James Roosevelt
Wm Torrey
Chas Dickinson
7th wd
Joseph Watkins
Nicholas Fish
Mangle Minthorne
Esqs Aldermen

Saml Jones junr
Peter Hawes
Aug. H. Lawrance
Robt Bogardus
Isaac S. Douglass
Wm Hoghland
Thos Timpson.
Edmund Kirby
Wm A. Hardenbrook
John Palmer
Esqrs Assistants.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

Petitions were received from John S. Smith & Stephen Roe to be appointed Inspectors of wood, which were referred to the Committee on applications

A letter was received from Silas Lord, requesting, that the Corporation woul'd not pay any monies to Thomas Duggan, on account of Canal Street, as the whole of said Duggan's property was mortgaged to him. And a request of said Thos [155] Duggan, that the Corporation would advance to him on account of ground taken from him on Canal Street $2500 was also received. Ordered, that the same communications be referred to the Canal Committee

A petition from William Hunter and John Gardner praying that the ordinance lately passed, directing Mr Cannon to fill in his ground near Grand Street might be enforced was received & referred to the Committee on Wharves, piers & slips

A letter was received from Robert Watts, that he, for the present, wished, that his application for a lot of ground in State Street might be suspended

A letter was received from John S. Hunn late Street Commissioner, stating, that he had, for the last week been employed in arranging the various documents belonging to the Street Commissioners department, in that he was desirous of transferring them to his successor and had offered them to him with a request, that he would give him a receipt for such as should [156] be delivered; but that this proposition was declined; that he considered, that a regard to his own reputation, as well as the conveniency of the Common Council and the fitness of the thing required that formality on the transfer of his papers to his Successor &, therefore, requested the Board to make such order on the premises as they should think proper. Ordered that the same be referred to Alderman Mesier Mr Jones & Mr Lawrance

A representation from the present Street Commissioner on the same subject was received and referred to the above committee

A representation was received from the Trustees of the City Dispensary stating, that the funds of the said institution were, from the great calls, which had been lately made upon them by the sick poor of the city in a low state & praying that the Board would increase their subscription to that institution. Thereupon ordered, that the same be referred to the Committee of Charity

A petition was received from certain [157] of the inhabitants of Spring Street, praying that the said street might be paved to Broadway, which was referred to the Committee on Streets.

A Letter was received from William Mooney, requesting that the Board would authorize a committee to settle his account as late Superintendant of the Alms House. Ordered, that the same be referred to the following committee, with authority to adjust his accounts viz Alderman Torrey Carpenter & Bingham

The City Inspector presented drafts of ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances from N° 5191 to N° 5194 inclusive, which were ordered to pass

A Report was received from the Police Office, stating, that Adolph Brower one of the Assistants of the Watch at the village of Greenwich returned that he had suspended John Stingus one of his Watchmen for being in liquor and asleep on his post. Ordered, that the same be referred to the Watch Committee. It was also stated, that there was a general complaint of the lamps not burning well throughout the City. for [158] several nights past. Ordered that the same be referred to the Lamp Committee

The following persons were appointed Firemen, the Chief Engineer certifying corresponding vacancies.

Fire Engine Company N° 7.

George B. Smith Morocco dresser 39 Frankfort Street 4th Ward.
Gregory Snethen Distiller 175 Cherry St 7th ward
George Power, Currier 372 Pearl St 4th ward

N B. The above three are additional members on account of the enlargement of the Engine

N° 8

Daniel Faesch, builder corner of Robinson & Washington 3d ward v. Peter R. Sprainger resd

N° 23

Henry M. Ludlum, Turner 77 Church St v. Samuel Wynans expelled

The Committee on Laws & ordinances presented " A Law for appointing special Fire Wardens," which was read and ordered to lie for further consideration

The same committee presented the following draft of an ordinance, which was read & passed into a Law

" A Law for establ[ish]ing the assize and regulating the Inspection of Bread ". Passed 8th Jany 1810

Sect: 1st Be it ordained by the Mayor, Alderman [159] and Commonalty of the City of New York in Common Council convened, that every Baker or other person, who shall use or carry on the trade or business of a baker, either in person or by employing any other person to use or carry on the said trade or business, under his or her directions, or for his or her profit or benefit, within the city of New York, shall cause all loaf bread whatsoever, which he or she shall bake or cause or procure to be baked, to be marked with the initial letters of his, her or their Christian & surnames, plainly to be seen on each loaf thereof; and all loaf bread, which shall not be so marked shall be forfeited and shall and may be seized to and for the use of the poor of the city of New York; and the person or persons so offending shall also forfeit and pay ten cents for every loaf thereof so neglected to be marked as aforesaid

2^{d} And be it further ordained, that all bakers or other persons, using or carrying on the Trade or business of a baker as aforesaid, shall make or cause to be made all their loaf bread of good & wholesome flour or meal and according to the assize to be established in conformity to this ordinance or any other ordinance, hereafter to be passed [160] directing the assize of Loaf Bread and all loaf bread baked in the city of New York, which shall be found not to have been made of good & wholesome flour or meal, or not to be of good quality, or wanting in weight according to the assize established at the time shall be forfeited, and shall and may be seized and disposed of to and for the use of the poor of the city of New York; and the Baker or person, who shall cause or procure the same to be baked, shall moreover forfeit and pay ten cents for every loaf thereof

3^{d} Provided always and be it further ordained, that no bread shall be forfeited in consequence of the directions and provisions aforesaid for the want of weight only unless the same shall be ascertained within eight hours after the same is baked. And that whenever any loaf bread shall be inspected or weighed to ascertain the weight thereof more than eight hours after the same shall have been baked, the Inspector or Inspectors of bread shall respectively make such allowance, as in his or their judgment shall [161] be just, having regard to the time the same shall have been baked more than eight hours; and if the same shall be found deficient in weight after making such allowance, the same shall be forfeited in the same manner as though it had been inspected or weighed within eight hours after the same was baked and then found under the due weight according to the Assize: And whenever an allowance respecting the weight of Bread shall be claimed on account of its having been baked more than eight hours as aforesaid, the burthen of the proof respecting the time when it was baked, shall be on the baker or proprietor thereof.

4th And be it further ordained, that the Inspector or Inspectors of bread shall when inspecting or weighing bread make such allowance as in his, or their judgment shall be just for any deficiency of weight only in what are commonly called split loaves

5th And be it further ordained, That the Common Council of the City of New York shall once in every six months or oftner, if they [162] shall deem it necessary, appoint three fit persons to be Inspectors of bread and assign one of such Inspectors to each of the districts herein after established, whose duty it shall be to inspect & examine all loaf bread baked as aforesaid, on the same day, on which the same shall be baked and ascertain & determine, whether the same is marked as is hereby required; and whether the same is made of good and wholesome flour or meal, & whether the same is of a good quality & to ascertain the weight thereof; and to determine whether the weight be sufficient according to this ordinance and the established assize: And for these purposes every such Inspector shall have power & authority, at all suitable times to enter any bake-house, shop, store-house or other building or enclosure, where any loaf-bread is or shall be baked, stored, deposited or kept, within the district so to be assigned to him: And also to stop and detain in any street, whether the same shall be within his Inspection district or not, any baker or other person or persons, with their waggons or other carriages carrying any loaf bread, [163] baked within this city as aforesaid: And there or in any other suitable place, to inspect, examine, weigh and determine respecting such loaf bread according to the true intent and meaning of this ordinance; And if the same or any part thereof shall be forfeited & liable to seizure for not being conformable to the directions herein contained, the said Inspector, so stopping or detaining such bread, shall immediately or within six hours thereafter convey, or cause to be conveyed all such bread as shall be so forfeited for any of the causes aforesaid to the Alms House of the city of New York, there to be left for the use of the poor of the said city: And if any Loaf bread shall be forfeited as aforesaid and shall after the same has been inspected or examined and the forfeiture thereof been determined by the Inspector as aforesaid, and within six hours thereafter be conveyed away or concealed so the Inspector shall not be able to find the same immediately, to convey it to the Alms house as aforesaid, the person or persons, in whose bake-house, shop, store-house or enclosure the same shall have [164] been left by the Inspector, after ascertaining the forfeiture thereof shall forfeit and pay for any loaf thereof so conveyed away or concealed, twelve and an half cents. And it shall be the duty of such Inspector to inspect and examine the loaf bread baked within the Inspection district so to be assigned to him, on the same day, on which the same shall be baked, so far as shall be practicable for him to do so.

6th And be it further ordained, that this city shall be divided into three inspection districts: that the first of the said districts shall include all such parts of the city as are Southward & Eastward of a line commencing at Roosevelt Street on the East river; thence proceeding along the middle of said Street to Chatham Street; thence along the middle of said street to a place opposite the middle of Murray Street; thence to & along the middle of said street to Hudson River: And that the second district shall include all such parts of the city as are Eastward of and within a line, commencing at Roosevelt Street afore- [165] said, at the East river aforesaid & running thence along the middle of said street to Chatham Street; thence along the middle of said street to the Bowery Lane; thence along the middle of the Bowery Lane to Grand Street; thence along the middle of Grand Street to Broadway; thence along the middle of Broadway to the Highway called Kings-bridge road; thence along the middle of the said Highway to a place opposite to the Middle of Bellevue Lane, and thence along Bellevue Lane to the end thereof and thence continuing in the same direction therewith to the East river: And that the third district shall include all the remainder of the city not included in the first or second districts

7th And be it further ordained, that each of the said Inspectors shall receive as a compensation for his services the annual salary or sum of four hundred dollars payable in equal quarterly payments.

8th And be it further ordained, that the said Inspectors, to be appointed as aforesaid, shall before entering on the duties of their office respectively take an oath or affirmation before the Mayor or Recorder [166] well and faithfully to execute the powers and trusts reposed in them without favour or partiality

9th And be it further ordained, That it shall be the duty of the Chamberlain to publish every Saturday in two of the Daily News Papers, printed in this city an assize of bread for the ensuing week, according to the form herein after mentioned: And further, that in fixing the assize, the said Chamberlain shall estimate a barrel of flour to produce 4032 ounces of bread; and in order to ascertain the weight of a shilling loaf of the respective qualities of flour, the number of ounces shall be divided by a number equal to the number of shillings a barrel of flour of such quality may be worth, at the time of fixing the assize and the number 28 added thereto (being 28 allowed the baker) and the quotient will be the number of ounces, a shilling loaf shall weigh in the following manner

	S
Suppose a barrel of fine flour	72
Compensation for baking	28
	100 Shillings

[167] Divide 4032 by 100, the quotient will be 40 $^{32}/_{100}$ being the ounces the shilling loaf must weigh: and that whenever the fractional parts are less than half an ounce, they shall be taken off the loaf; and when half an ounce or more, an ounce shall be added to it. And further, that it shall be the duty of the Chamberlain to deliver an account of the assize he may so establish to the Inspector of Bread or any baker whenever called upon so to do

Form of assize to be published

	Shilling loaf	6d loaf
Superfine Wheat flour	....oz	....oz
Do mixed wt Indian meal	....oz	....oz
Do mixed wt Rye meal	....oz	....oz
Rye flour	....oz	....oz

10th And be it further ordained, That all mixed bread whether baked with superfine flour and Indian Meal or Superfine flour and rye meal, the assize thereof shall be made by the Chamberlain & Inspectors or a Major part of them, as they shall, in their judgment, think just & proper"

The Board then proceeded to appoint by ballot the Inspectors for the [168] several districts, when William M. Somers was chosen for the First; Francis Lynch for the Second & John A. Crolius for the Third District

His Honour the Mayor informed the Board, that having seen a publication in the News papers by Robt Dyde Innkeeper, stating, that there would be a masked ball at Mount Vernon hotel, on the night of the 16th instant, he had directed the first Marshal of the City to write to Robert Dyde & to inform him, that the intended ball was viewed by the Magistracy, as calculated to promote disorder and licentiousness; that the said letter was delivered, and that Mr Dyde's reply was, that it was his intention to hold the ball as advertised. Whereupon resolved, that the subject be referred to the Committee on Laws and ordinances.

At the request of the Building Committee, a warrant was ordered in favour of John H. Sickles their Treasurer for $2000

The Attorney of the Board, on the petition of John Patterson, praying [169] remission of penalty for selling liquor without licence reported, that in his opinion, the prayer ought not to be granted, which report was agreed to.

The attorney, on a similar petition of John Hogg, reported, that the prayer of the petitioner ought to be granted on payment of costs, which was agreed to

The Comptroller presented a report of the accounts of the Corporation for the year 1809, with observations thereon. Ordered, that the same be referred to the Committee of Finance, with authority to print such parts of the same for the use of the members of the Board, as they shall judge proper.

The Treasurer also laid before the Board the accounts of the Corporation from his entering into office until the 31st Decr 1809, which was ordered to be filed with the Comptroller

The Street Commissioner presented an assessment for regulating Bridge Street, which was confirmed and Jacob S. Mott was appointed Collector

The Committee, to whom was re- [170] ferred the account of Richard L. Degroot respecting the Flag Staff at the Battery presented a report, which was ordered to be referred to Mr Lawrance Alderman Carpenter & Mr Hawes

The Market Committee, to whom was referred the petition of Leonard Wicker, praying, to be assigned to the stand No 28 Fly Market reported, that as the stall was vacant, they recommended, that it should be granted to him, which was agreed to

The following report was then read

"The Committee of wharves, Slips and Piers respectfully represent to the Common Council, that sometime in the month of August last past, an arrangement having been made between the Corporation and certain proprietors of Lots fronting on South Street for causing a pier to be sunk and made in the East River on the Westerly side of Peck Slip for their joint benefit, Jacob Halsey and Aaron J Westervelt contracted to sink & make the same & by a written agreement bearing date the 14th day of August now last past, and made & entered into between [171] the Mayor, Aldermen & Commonalty by James Drake, Samuel M. Hopkins and Jacob Mott, then the Committee of wharves, slips and piers of the one part and them the said Jacob Halsey and Aaron J. Westervelt of the other part, they the said Jacob Halsey and Aaron J. Westervelt contracted to make and complete the same according to the plan and agreement mentioned therein for a sum or consideration therein specified payable by instalments, the two last of which, each amounting to 3225 dollars were to be paid, one of them in money and the other in a note at sixty days, when the said pier should be completed to the satisfaction of such person as the said Committee might appoint to inspect the same: And by which said written agreement the said contractors stipulated and engaged, that the timber and other materials and workmanship should be such as would be approved by the said Jacob Mott or such other person as the said Committee might appoint to inspect the same; And that they would in [172] all respects comply with his directions in the premises, provided such directions were in conformity with the plan and agreement therein mentioned. And which said pier so contracted to be sunk and made by the before named contractors as aforesaid being now finished, application is made by the Contractors for payment of the two last instalments of the sum agreed to be paid for the same; but the Proprietors of Lots on South Street, who are interested in the pier being dissatisfied therewith and differences occurring as to the adjustment thereof, they have agreed to submit the same to the arbitrament of Amos Corning, John Anderson & Andrew Ten Eyck, in case the Common Council shall consent thereto

The Committee of Wharves, Slips and piers have been applied to for their consent on the part of the Corporation to the proposed submission; and they are of opinion, that the same is adviseable; but being unwilling to act in the premises without the approbation of the Common Council, they submit the foregoing representation of the matter & request [173] the direction of the Board on the subject

All which is submitted

James Roosevelt
January 8th 1810 S Jones Junr
Edmund Kirby

The aforesaid report was confirmed and the arbitrators therein mentioned appointed

The Committee, to whom was referred the assessment for opening Walker St into Beach Street and the remonstrance against the same, reported, that, in their opinion, the assessment is in many respects unequal and unjust and ought not to be confirmed

A petition from Peter Hoffmeyer praying to be compensated for a house and lot taken for the purpose of opening said Walker Street was also received. Whereupon ordered, that the same be referred to the following Committee with directions to enquire how far the Board is responsible for damages or expences, which have been incurred, viz M^r Lawrance, M^r Jones, M^r Hawes & Street Commissioner.

[174] The Committee, to whom was referred the petition of the Trustees of the African Free School presented a report. Ordered, that the same lie for further consideration

The Committee, to whom was referred the subject of the pavement
Albany
at Swartout's Basin and "to enquire & report what had heretofore been the practice of the Corporation in assessing property adjacent to public squares or Streets, on the one side of which the property was owned by the Corporation, and whether any & what proportion of the expence for paving the same has been borne by the Corporation: And particularly whether the Corporation have heretofore borne any part of the expenses of paving the squares at the heads of slips owned by them—Beg leave to report,

That considerable pains have been taken by them to ascertain as well from Gentlemen of Information, who have heretofore had a principal agency in conducting the affairs of the Corporation as from the public records, and that they have not found a single instance, in which the expence has been assessed solely on the [175] individuals

On the contrary, they find, that the owners of property fronting the Streets opposite to the Bridewell, Alms House & Jail and those on each side of the Park have borne the expence of paving only one half the width of the Streets and that the other half was paid by the Corporation

The Streets round the publick square, at the head of Chatham Street, have been paved in the same manner; individuals have paid for paving the one half of the width of the street, opposite to their houses and the Corporation the other half next to the square

They find, that as lately as in the month of October 1808, the Corporation paid upwards of two hundred dollars for paving the centre of the Street, leading from the Exchange Market down to the Slip, and that individuals have only paid for the sides opposite to their lots. That still more recently, in a grant made by the Corporation to John R. Livingston [176] of property on the East River near Corlaer's Hook and opposite to a place, in which it is contemplated to open a slip, at some future period, he is bound to pave and keep in repair only one half of the width of the street or square opposite to the bulkhead. And that to cite no more precedents, the pavement of the centre of the Street at Burling Slip has, this summer been taken up, the Common Sewer and the Street again paved, at the public expence

All which they humbly submit

Peter Hawes
Joseph Watkins
John Palmer

Mr Bogardus then moved, that the said report be referred to the Comptroller. On the question to agree to the same, a division being called thereon, it passed in the negative in the Manner following

Negative

Mr Recorder
Aldn Mesier
Bingham
Minthorne

[177] Mr Jones
Hawes
Hoghland
Hardenbrook
Timpson
Kirby
Palmer

Affirmative

Aldn Roosevelt
Torrey
Dickinson 7th
Watkins
Mr Lawrence
Bogardus
Douglass

The question was then taken on agreeing to the report of the Committee and was carried in the affirmative. The report of the Committee of the 2d January was then read as follows

The Committee, to whom was referred the Communication of the Street Commissioner, requiring to know what proportion of the pavement of the square in front of the Albany Basin on the west side of the city, should be paid by the proprietors of houses and lots on the South side of said square; beg leave to report

That as the inhabitants living on this square enjoy the benefits and advantage of a spacious and airy situation, and as those resident on the North side, have some time since paved, at their own [178] expence such part, as has been deemed equal to their proportion, Your Committee are, therefore, of opinion that the Proprietors on the South side of said square should contribute to the paving thereof in proportion to what they would by law have been assessed, had they resided on a street of fifty feet wide

All which is respectfully submitted

Peter Mesier
S. Jones Junr

It was then successively moved, that the inhabitants on the South side of said basin should be assessed as for a street of 200 feet, of

150 feet and of 100 feet. The questions on the two former propositions were lost and on the question of 100 feet, a division having been called thereon, it was carried in the affirmative in the manner following

Affirmative

Aldn Carpenter
Roosevelt
Torrey
Dickinson 7th
Watkins
Mr Jones
Hawes
Lawrence
Bogardus
Douglass
Timpson
Hardenbrook

Negative

Mr Recorder
Aldn Mesier
Minthorne
Bingham
Mr Hoghland
Kirby
Palmer

[179] Mr Bogardus then gave notice, that he would at the next meeting of the Board move for a reconsideration of the vote now taken. It was then resolved, that it be referred to the Comptroller to report at the next meeting of the Board, whether any & what proportion of expence for paving has been borne by the Corporation in similar circumstances with these of the Albany basin

On motion, that the Board proceed to fill the vacancy of Wood Inspector occasioned by the death of Thomas Eagles, the same was agreed to and the board proceeded to ballot for a person to fill said vacancy, when Mathew Redett was chosen. John Guest was then elected by ballot a Wood Inspector & assigned to the district lately occupied by Mathew Redett

On motion, Resolved, that the two Inspectors of wood, whose districts are at Peck Slip to wit Jacob Tabele & Joshua Hunt shall attend alternately one week to the Inspection of wood on the East side of the said slip and one week to the inspection of wood on the West side of the said slip; and that they be respectively entitled to charge & receive the fees allowed by law for their inspection of [180] wood, so that the said Jacob Tabele shall receive the fees for Inspection one week on the East side of said slip, and the week following on the west side of said slip. And in like manner, that the said Joshua Hunt shall receive the fees for inspection, one week on the West side of said slip and the week following on the East side of Peck Slip; and so on alternately so long as they shall continue Inspectors of wood at the said slip: And further that the said Jacob Tabele shall commence his weekly inspection on the West side of said Slip on Monday the fifteenth day of January instant; and the said Joshua Hunt shall on the same day commence his weekly inspection on the East side of said slip and that they shall interchange thereafter weekly in manner aforesaid January 8th 1810

On Motion, Resolved that the office of Physician to the Alms House and that of Physician & Surgeon to the Gaol and Bridewell be united, and that two respectable persons be appointed jointly as physician and Surgeon to the Alms House, Gaol and Bridewell, and that they receive from the Board for their united service the same compensation as is now allowed to the per- [181] sons employed in those departments.

The Board then proceeded to ballot for two persons as physicians & surgeons to the Alms House, Gaol & Bridewell, when Dr Gilbert Smith and Dr Walter W. Buchanan were chosen

Ordered that his Honour the Mayor issue his warrants for payment of the following sums

N. Lawrance & Van Wart—Watch	$513.52
J. Farrington & J White Do	552.72
G. Goodheart & J. Hays Do	454.72
S. L. Page junr & A. Brower Do	149.52
J. Morton City Inspr 1 Quarter Salary	312.50
Robt Sutton filling a Gully Corlaer's Hook	7.92
Gosman & M'Comb repairing intersections &c	147.38
Thomas Scott paving Marketfield St	71.29
John H. Sickles for New City Hall	2000.
	$4209.57

[182] In Common Council Jany 15th 1810

Present DeWitt Clinton Esqr Mayor
John Bingham Esqr Deputy Mayor

Peter Mesier
Thomas Carpenter
Chas Dickinson 3d
James Roosevelt
Chas Dickinson 7th
Joseph Watkins
Nichs Fish
Mangle Minthorne
Esqrs Aldermen

Saml Jones junr
Peter Hawes
Auge H. Lawrence
Robt Bogardus
Wm Hoghland
Isaac S. Douglass
Thomas Timpson
Edmund Kirby
Wm A. Hardenbrook
Esqrs Assistants.

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved

A petition was received from David Barker praying remission of a penalty incurred against him for breach of the ordinance regulating the lying of vessels in Slips &c. which was ordered to be referred to the Attorney of the Board

Petitions were received from Robert Alexander and Andires Van

Orden to be appointed Wood Inspectors; of William Peters to be appointed Collector of the Corporation and of Samuel P. Adriance to be appointed a Measurer, which were severally referred to the Committe on Applications.

A petition of Peter Wilt to be permitted [183] to exchange stall N° 17 in Fly Market for N° 32 in the same market was read and referred to the Market Committee

A petition was received from the Inhabitants of Spring Street, praying, that said street might be regulated from West Street to Greenwich Street & paved from Greenwich Street to Broadway, which was referred to the Committee on Streets.

A petition was received from the Inhabitants of Coenties Slip, praying, that a walk might be paved across said street in a line with Water Street and that an ordinance ought to be passed regulating the stand of Cartmen, so that they might be confined to a Stand between Pearl & Water Streets. The former part of the petition was referred to the Committee on streets; and the latter part to the Committee on Laws & ordinances, who were directed to report an ordinance corresponding therewith

A memorial was received from Charles Le Roux, praying payment of a Lot of ground taken for opening Bancker Street. Ordered, that the same be referred to the Committee on Streets.

A petition was received from John [184] Michen, stating, that he had agreeably to the directions of the Board paved Grand Street to Second Street, Bowery to Elizabeth Street and Rivington to Stanton Streets, for which there was due to him \$102 $^{11}/_{100}$; that the same had been due four years & praying payment of the same. Ordered, that the same be referred to the Street Commissioner

A letter was received from James Abeel requesting that the suits, which had been instituted against him for rent, might be suspended, was referred to the Road Committee

A petition was received from Rene R. Duchem & Slipton Liancourt, stating, that they had become sureties on a bond for one Jean Vangerois for the maintenance of a Bastard child; that said Vangerois had absconded; that Susan Germain the mother is able to maintain the child & thereupon they pray relief. Ordered, that the same be referred to the Commissioners of the Alms House

A petition was received from John R. Livingston, stating, that, since the year 1797, he had paid a personal tax in the County of Dutchess, where he resided in the Summer Season and also in this

[185] city and praying that the tax so paid in this city may be reimbursed to him

On motion, Resolved, that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition

An application was received from Thomas A. Emmet, requesting that a surveyor might be appointed to ascertain the lines of his property on the Middle Road above the Botanic Garden. Ordered, that the same be referred to the Street Commissioner, with authority to act in the premises.

A remonstrance was received from the inhabitants of the vicinity against ceding the Triangular piece of ground in Augustus Street to the Trustees of the African Free School, which was directed to be referred to a former Committee, on the petition of the Trustees of the said school; And it was farther directed that the report made by said Committee on said petition on the 8th instant & which was directed to lie for further consideration be referred back to said Committee for further investigation

A Letter from Mr Dyde to his Honour the Mayor was laid before the board informing, that he should not have a masqued [186] Ball at his house, and that he would advertise in the public papers to that effect

Mr Jones from the Committee on Laws and ordinances, to whom was committed the propriety of repressing Masqued Balls presented the following ordinance, which was read & passed

"A Law

for the further regulation of Taverns & Boarding houses, in the City of New York Passed the fifteenth day of January 1810.

Whereas it hath been represented to the Common Council, that masquerades or masqued balls are intended to be introduced in one of the Public taverns in this city; and the same, as well as the use of masques and other disguises in public places, on any occasion whatever, being of immoral and pernicious tendency, subversive of all just and honourable discrimination of character, and calculated to encourage the profligate, seduce the youth of both sexes and promote licentiousness & disorder, the welfare and good order of the city require, that the same should be prohibited

Section 1st Be it, therefore, ordained by the Mayor, Aldermen & Commonalty of the City of New York in Common Council convened, That no Innkeeper or person licensed by the [187] Mayor of the said city to keep a tavern, shall, at any time, or [on] any pretence or occasion whatever, permit or suffer any masquerade, masqued ball or other assemblage or meeting of persons masqued or otherwise disguised to take place, or to be had, held or given in his, her or their house, or within any building, inclosure or place whatsoever in his, her or their occupation or possession, or under his, her or their charge, power or controul under the penalty of two hundred & fifty dollars for each offence—And be it further ordained, That no Innkeper or person or persons licensed by the Mayor of this city to keep a tavern shall permit or suffer any person, who shall be masqued, or otherwise disguised at any time, or on any pretence whatever, whilst such person or persons shall be masqued or otherwise disguised [to] come to or remain in the house of such said innkeeper or person licensed by the Mayor of this City to keep a tavern, or any building, inclosure or place, in his, her or their possession, where or wherein, he, she or they shall use the business of a tavern keeper, or sell wine or other [188] strong liquor or cause or permit the same to be sold by retail or small measure under the penalty of One hundred dollars for each offence

Section 2d And be it further ordained, that if any person shall appear masqued or otherwise disguised, so as to conceal his or her name, in any boarding house or tavern within the city of New York, he or she so offending shall forfeit One hundred dollars for each offence. And in order to discover offenders against this ordinance be it further ordained, that it shall and may be lawful for the watchmen, constables, marshals & other peace officers, when & as often as they shall be required by the Mayor, recorder or any two aldermen, to enter into any boarding house, or tavern in which the said Mayor, Recorder or Aldermen may have reason to believe persons to be assembled with masques or other means to conceal their names; & if any there be found masqued or otherwise disguised as aforesaid, then it shall & may be lawful for any of the said officers to bring him, her or them before one of the magistrates of the said city, in order [189] to discover his or her name

Section 3d And be it further ordained, That it shall be the duty of all constables and marshals in this city and they are hereby enjoined to give such information to the Attorney of the Corporation as may enable him to prosecute offenders against this ordinance to conviction

Section 4th And be it further ordained, That the Attorney of the Board shall be authorized, after the recovery & receipt of any penalty, under and by virture of this ordinance, to pay over to the person, who shall give the said attorney such information of any offence against this ordinance as shall enable the said attorney to prosecute the offender to judgment, one half part of the said penalty so recovered & received after deducting all costs & charges of prosecution"

A deputation from the Medical Society consisting of Drs Post, Miller & Douglass waited upon the Board with a memorial from that Society to the Legislature of the State soliciting [190] them to purchase the Botanic garden of Dr David Hosack, that the same may be annexed to the medical institutions of the state; in which application, the Society requested the concurrence of this Board. Whereupon the following resolution was presented

Resolved, that the Common Council fully coinciding with the medical society of this city in their opinion of the important benefits, resulting to the medical profession in particular and to the cause of science in general from the Botanical establishment of Dr Hosack & being persuaded, that the patronage of the legislature will redound to the public advantage & to the honour of the state, do most cordially and most respectfully unite with the medical Society in their application on that subject

On the question to agree to the same, a division having been called for, it was carried in the affirmative in the manner following

[191]

Affirmative		Negative
Aldn Mesier	Mr Jones	Aldn Minthorne
Carpenter	Lawrence	Mr Hardenbrook
Dickinson 3d	Hawes	
Roosevelt	Hoghland	
Bingham	Douglass	
Dickinson 7th	Timpson	
Watkins	Kirby	
Fish		

The Street Commissioner presented an account of Halsey & Westervelt for the third payment of the Middle Pier at Peck Slip—On motion, that a warrant issue for payment of the same, it was carried in the affirmative and a warrant accordingly ordered to issue for $2850

A Letter from Captain George Goodheart recommending Daniel Williams to be appointed a Watchman in the place of Isaac Bogert promoted, was referred [192] to the Watch Committee

A report was received from the Police Office stating, that Captain White had returned, that he had suspended Oliver Purdy one of his Watchmen for being intoxicated, when on duty. Ordered to be referred to the Watch Committee

Mr Hardie laid before the Board an account of Cæsar Elston for cleaning a certain privy of the Alms House, which was referred to the Superintendant of the Alms House with authority to settle said account

The following Fireman was appointed, the chief Engineer certifying the vacancy viz

N° 27.

Abraham Bogert Builder, Spring Street, 8th ward v. D. Ludlum resigned

Mr Jones from the Committee to whom was referred the application of John S. Hunn late Street Commissioner presented the following report,

The Committee, to whom the application of John S. Hunn the late Street Commissioner was referred respectfully report, that after a conference with the said John S. Hunn on the sub- [193] ject of his application, they attended at the office of the Street Commissioner and examined with him the papers, books and maps in the said office & found the same in good order—We further report, that the said John S. Hunn hath delivered over the said papers, books & maps to his successor in office & that we have found no cause of dissatisfaction with him the said John S. Hunn in the premises

All which &c

January 15th 1810

S Jones Junr
Peter Mesier
A V. Lawrence

which report was accepted

Mr Jones from the Committee of wharves piers & slips presented the following report.

The Committee of wharves, piers & slips, to whom was referred the petition of William Hunter and John Gardner complaining of the neglect of Abraham Cannon to comply with an ordinance of the Common Council referred to in the said petition, directing the filling and [194] raising certain lots fronting on Grand Street and on Grand Street Slip making a bulk head at said slip and praying for relief in the premises, respectfully report, that upon investigation of the matter, they find the facts set forth & stated in the said petition to be substantially true; that the said Abraham Cannon is directed and required by the said ordinance to fill up and raise certain lots belonging to him & fronting on Grand Street, which although he has been accordingly notified of the said ordinance in the usual manner, he has neglected to do. And the Committee having seen him on the occasion are of opinion from his advanced age, and the manner of his treating the subject, when mentioned to him, that there was no reasonable prospect of a compliance on his part with the requisitions of the ordinance. The Committee, therefore, recommend, that the Mayor, Aldermen & Commonalty of the City cause the said lots of the said Abraham Cannon to be filled up and in conformity with the said ordinance, [195] to the height herein after mentioned; And that the same be so done, that the amount of the monies, which they shall advance for that purpose with lawful interest for the same shall be deemed a lien on the said lots and shall be recoverable by them as for monies advanced for the use of the defendant by suit against the owner of the said lots at their election according to the act in such case made and provided. And the Committee further report, that on examination, they are fully satisfied, that it will be sufficient to raise the bulk head at the said slip to the height of three feet & an half above high water, instead of raising the same to the height of the permanent regulation of Grand Street as directed by the ordinance of the Common Council in that behalf. And they recommend, that the said ordinance be altered & amended accordingly

All which &c

James Roosevelt
Edmund Kirby
S. Jones Junr

15th January 1810

[196] Whereupon, Ordered that the said report be confirmed and, that the Street Commissioner be directed to prepare an ordinance corresponding thereto

Alderman Fish from the Road Committee presented the following report

The Committee, to whom was referred a communication from the Comptroller accompanying an account of Beekman M. Van Beuren one of the Overseers of Roads Report,

That in said account there is a charge of $50 as an "annual allowance for a saddle horse," which is stated "as agreed upon by the Corporation in 1805" and paid to the overseers of Roads in 1806. On examining the Comptroller's statement, it appears, that on the fifth of January 1809, the like charge was presented in Mr Van Beuren's account, and that the Comptroller, after investigating the minutes and referring to the ordinance for the appointment of a Road Committee and overseers of the Public Roads [197] did not find himself authorized to admit the charge & accordingly deducted it from the Bill

The Committee having made the like examination of the ordinance & minutes of the Common Council, do not find, that the overseers of roads have any claim upon the Corporation for the additional compensation of $50

Which is respectfully submitted

Nichs Fish
Mangle Minthorne
A. H. Lawrence
John Bingham

January 15th
1810

Which report was agreed to

Mr Hawes from the Street Committee presented the following report

The Committee, to whom was referred the communication of the Street Commissioner covering a survey of the Fronts of Houses in State Street, together with a request from Joseph Corré that he might be permitted to carry out a building or sell his lot bounded by a red line upon the said survey; [198] And also a like request from Robert Watts for a grant of a piece of ground in State Street, in front of a Lot owned by him adjoining the said lot of Joseph Corré, respectfully report

That they have viewed the fronts of the houses on State Street as the same are now built & compared the same with the survey, and they are of opinion, that it will be no injury to the street, or to the adjacent lots to regulate the street according to the red line on the said survey. And they recommend, that if the said Joseph Corrie & Robert Watts will pay a reasonable sum to the Corporation for the same, that a proper grant thereof be made to them respectively, of the ground between the present front of their lots & that which is designated by the said red line on the survey

All which &c

15th Jany 1810.

Peter Hawes
Joseph Watkins

which report was agreed to

The Comptroller presented the following accounts, viz Thomas Smith for a new vane to the new flag Staff amounting to $62.94. Ordered to be referred to the Committee on the account of. R. L. Degrod. John Lawrance—Bond from the Corporation to him for $670. [199] Interest from 18th July 1808 to 18th July 1810 $70.35—Total $740.35. Ordered, that warrants issue for payment of the same—Executors of Thomas Ten Eyck deceased—Bond from the Corporation to him for $1.500 payable 12th October 1808. Interest thereon $132.41. Total $1632.41. Ordered, that a warrant issue for payment of the same

The Comptroller, in pursuance of the direction of the Board at their last meeting, presented a report on the subject of the proportion of the expence usually borne by the Corporation for the pavement of public basins.

Ordered, that the same lie for consideration

The Comptroller presented the accounts of the Superintendant of repairs audited by him from 26th Novr to 31st December amounting to $765 5/100, which was ordered to be filed

The Comptroller presented a report on the request of Sir James Jay, which was referred to Alderman Mesier Bingham & Mr Lawrence

The Street Commissioner presented an order, which had been drawn in favour of A Stagg & Co on John Bussing Collector for paving Mulberry Street, on which was [200] due the sum of $92. Ordered to be referred to the Comptroller

The Street Commissioner presented return of delinquents on assessment on paving Front Street from Peck Slip to James's Slip. Whereupon ordered, that a warrant issue to Adolph L. Degrove for collection of the same.

It was also ordered, that the Street Commissioner present an ordinance for the filling in of Peck Slip, agreeably to a former resolution of the Board

The Street Commissioner presented an assessment for the regulating and partially paving Broadway from Leonard Street to Art Street; which was confirmed & Lewis Angevine appointed Collector

The Canal Committee presented the following report

The Canal Committee, to whom the within Communication and annexed statement were referred, Report, that the Act of the Legislature relative to Canal Street, authorizes the Commissioners to assess upon the property benefitted all monies, which this Board have paid or become bound to pay, and on which this Board will be obliged to pay interest—as contained in the annexed Statement. The Committee [201] are, therefore, of opinion, that the within statement be adopted by the Board & transmitted to the Commissioners for the purpose of being included in their assessment, first deducting the sums received for the buildings disposed of by the Street Commissioner

January 15th
1810

Charles Dickinson (7th)
Robert Bogardus
Edmund Kirby

Canal Street

To the Corporation of New York Dr

To Sums advanced & assumed to pay the persons following, being the verdicts of the juries in their favour

		Ground		Buildings		Amount			
		Dol:	Cts	Dol:	Cts	Dol:	Cts		
1806 Feby 26	Thomas Dick	3000	...	875	...	3,875			
	Blackwell & Mfarlane	420	...	...	...	420			
	Robt Gilmore	750	...	1100	...	1850			
	Wm J. Waldron	750	...	1150	...	1,900			
	Thos Duggan	750	...	...	...	750			
	Halsey Lindley	850	...	950	...	1800			
	Geo: J Warner	750	...	...	...	750			
	George Warner	1975	...	...	...	1975			
	Jas Walker	12.821	40	...	...	12,821	40		
	Moses Archer	1250	...	1280	...	2,530	...		
	Van Geison & Van Blarcom	2324	...	...	...	2324	...		
	Peter Lorrilard	3410	...	...	...	3410	...		
	Samuel Jones junr	1817	60	...	...	1817	60		
	Stephen Baker	8079	60	...	...	8079	60		
April 15th	[202] Jas Halliday	280	60	...	...	280	60		
	Thos M'Conaghy	280	60	...	...	280	60		
	Augustus Lawrence	295	...	...	...	295	...		
	John Gilman	69	45	...	...	69	45	45.228	25
	Expences of suit in February 1806 advanced							448	15
	E[x]pences of suit in April 1806 advanced							100	15
	Advanced Oliver Jaques for collecting							100	
1810 January 2d	Advanced C. Loss, A Loss & Wm Bridges							130	
	Interest on 925.65 dollars from 15th April 1806 at 7 per Cent ys 3 ms 8 ds 18							240	82
	Interest on 648.30 dolls from 15th April 1806 at 7 per Cent ys 3 mos 8 days 18							168	58
	Interest on 44.302.60 dollars from the 26th February 1806 at 7 per Ct y 3 m 10 Ds 7							11.987	27
	Dollars							58,405	22
	Ct By proceeds of sales of five buildings								

Which report was agreed to

An application was received from Grove Wright for permission to build a vault in Jay Street, corner of Hudson Street, which was granted under direction of the Alderman & Assistant of the Fifth ward and the Street Commissioner.

On motion, Resolved, that Samuel [203] G. Pearsall and Jeremiah Stow be and they are hereby appointed Measurers of this city.

Ordered, that the report of the Committee on the subject of a slip at the foot of Walnut Street made on the 2^d instant & which was directed to lie for consideration, be referred to M^r Bogardus M^r Jones & Ald^n Watkins

Resolved, that the Comptroller under the direction of the Finance Committee be authorized to consolidate & issue new Bonds for such Corporation's Bonds as may be presented for that purpose

On motion, Resolved, that a Committee be appointed to examine & report, whether any & what alterations are necessary to be made in the Wood Inspection districts on the North River—Committee M^r Hoghland, Lawrence, Douglass

Resolved, that the Watch Committee be authorized to station some watchmen at Potter's Field.

[204] The City Inspector reported sundry ordinances for correction of nuisances from N^o 5195 to N^o 5198 inclusive, which were ordered to be passed

The City Inspector laid before the Board a Table, which exhibits at one view, the number of deaths, during each month of the last year, as also the sexes, ages and diseases of the deceased.

He also presented a comparative statement of the number of deaths which had occurred in the city during the last six years, together with their ages diseases &c

Whereupon ordered, that the said comparative statement be published.

Comparative Statement of the number of deaths in this city for the years 1804, 1805, 1806, 1807, 1808 and 1809, with their ages, diseases &c.

N B. The returns for the year 1804 are defective, the sexes not being discriminated, nor any mention being made of the ages of the deceased, during the said year

		Men	Women	Boys	Girls	Total
January	1805	57	55	37	29	178
	1806	63	23	24	36	146
	1807	44	37	43	34	158
	1808	51	36	39	36	162
	1809	45	33	52	33	163

		Men	Women	Boys	Girls	Total
February	1805	47	41	36	22	146
	1806	41	43	27	23	134
	1807	70	27	41	28	166
	1808	58	41	40	33	172
	1809	56	37	32	38	163
March	1805	46	30	26	27	129
	1806	47	40	37	44	148
	1807	59	37	40	44	180
	1808	74	49	63	38	224
	1809	48	48	43	25	164
April	1805	71	44	38	26	179
	1806	70	48	29	40	187
	1807	75	64	36	40	215
	1808	66	38	34	39	177
	1809	42	49	28	17	146
May	1805	37	33	31	22	123
	1806	61	40	44	30	175
	1807	53	41	26	25	145
	1808	43	23	34	37	137
	1809					
June	1805	33	29	32	33	127
	1806	47	34	41	26	148
	1807	50	35	20	22	127
	1808	42	43	26	20	131
	1809	57	30	27	27	141
July	1805	49	44	63	46	202
	1806	53	45	55	59	212
	1807	56	40	59	40	195
	1808	52	30	49	48	179
	1809	48	36	43	43	170
August	1805	52	54	115	98	319
	1806	50	38	92	75	255
	1807	86	71	81	90	328
	1808	43	29	53	59	184
	1809	53	38	97	89	277
[206] September	1805	116	82	51	47	296
	1806	73	47	59	63	242
	1807	81	51	79	75	286
	1808	51	29	57	43	180
	1809	57	33	36	37	163
October	1805	128	104	56	61	349
	1806	56	52	39	30	177
	1807	50	43	40	39	172
	1808	46	32	30	25	133
	1809	54	33	41	38	166
November	1805	51	42	28	19	140
	1806	58	50	42	31	181
	1807	54	40	25	39	158
	1808	40	39	34	38	151
	1809	78	50	46	31	205

		Men	Women	Boys	Girls	Total
December	1805	61	50	31	22	164
	1806	63	47	56	34	200
	1807	63	43	30	46	182
	1808	52	48	47	37	184
	1809	63	42	34	28	167

AGES	1805	1806	1807	1808	1809
Of the age of one year & under	503	522	537	435	465
Between the age of 1 & 2 years	210	242	208	224	207
2 & 5	157	190	176	161	165
5 & 10	74	75	78	93	88
10 & 20	130	111	111	119	120
20 & 30	351	250	295	244	254
30 & 40	336	284	319	271	279
40 & 50	239	223	218	187	192
50 & 60	155	122	165	114	128
60 & 70	102	102	97	75	103
70 & 80	61	62	68	64	66
80 & 90	28	34	34	24	36
90 & 100	5	8	5	3	4
100 & upwards	1		1		1
Total	2352	2225	2312	2014	2108

Diseases	1804	1805	1806	1807	1808	1809
[207] Abscess	7	5	3	7	6	8
Aneurism	....	....	....	1	....	1
Apoplexy	22	31	20	38	23	20
Asthma	6	3	11	3	5	4
Burned or scalded	11	14	18	6	12	13
Cancer	7	6	10	5	4	6
Carbuncle	....	....	....	....	1	....
Caries	....	....	....	....	1	1
Casualties	24	21	24	27	24	34
Child bed	16	12	14	11	20	17
Chlorosis	1	....	....	....	....	....
Cholera Morbus	9	19	9	8	7	5
Cholic	5	....	4	9	....	7
Chorea	....	....	....	....	1	....
Cold	18	15	25	10	14	22
Consumption	499	462	354	464	429	413
Convulsions	169	192	195	219	159	163
Cramp in the stomach	3	1	1	4	5	4
Debility	37	49	62	59	43	35
Decay	43	62	140	112	89	64
Diabetes	....	1	....	1	....	....
Diarrhœa	13	16	1	7	3	26
Drinking cold water	....	11	....	1	11	....
Dropsy	68	83	89	98	91	79

Diseases	1804	1805	1806	1807	1808	1809
[208] Dropsy in the head	19	16	22	30	28	28
Drowned	24	32	35	31	42	45
Dyspepsia or indigestion	....	....	....	1	....	3
Dysentery	46	60	52	30	24	17
Epilepsy	5	7	16	8	....	3
Fever, Bilious	8	22	11	9	3	9
hectic	....	2	3	5	3	3
inflammatory	1	9	6	3	1	6
intermittent	5	4	7	3	5	12
malignant	....	270	....	....	....	10
puerperal	....	5	1	1	3	7
putrid	6	3	3	2	3	3
remittent	9	....	9	3	10	7
scarlet	14	....	4	2	4	9
typhus	47	75	93	106	62	73
Flux infantile	27	195	166	162	120	138
Fracture	....	1	....	4	2	7
Frost bitten	....	4	2	2	....	2
Gout	....	2	3	1	....	....
Gravel	....	....	....	....	....	4
Hœmoptysis or spitting of blood	1	4	3	4	....	1
Hœmorrhage	4	....	3	1	....	3
Hanged	....	....	2	....	....	....
Hernia or rupture	....	....	....	....	3	1
Hives	75	70	106	101	94	102
Jaundice	3	4	4	9	13	5
[209] Iliac passion	....	....	....	....	....	1
Infanticide	1	4	2	1	5	4
Inflammation of the Bladder	1	....	....	1	....	1
Bowels	27	17	34	29	18	32
Brain	8	17	16	10	17	18
Lungs	36	53	58	58	40	44
Stomach	12	6	14	14	11	12
Influenza	3	2	....	16	2	....
Insanity	3	5	7	8	7	7
Intemperance or Intoxication	12	17	11	14	18	28
Killed or murdered	2	3	4	1	1	1
Leprosy	....	....	....	1	....	....
Leucorrhœa	....	....	....	....	1	1
Liver disease	5	7	11	18	3	7
Locked jaw	7	6	7	2	4	4
Manslaughter	....	....	....	1	....	1
Measles	2	....	....	1	64	2
Menorrhagia	....	....	....	3	....	....
Nervous headache	....	....	....	2	....	....
Old age	39	46	57	51	49	62
Palsy	14	15	20	23	16	22
Pleurisy	36	32	41	46	41	40
Quinsey	9	6	4	5	4	2
Rheumatism	3	3	3	4	5	4
Ricketts	....	....	....	....	1	....
[210] Rupture of a blood vessel	4	6	7	4	6	4
S^{t} Anthony's Fire	....	5	7	4	....	2
Scrofula or King's Evil	6	4	4	4	4	7
Scurvy	1	1	....	6	1	2
Small pox	169	62	48	29	62	66
Sore throat	10	8	17	17	13	11

Diseases	1804	1805	1806	1807	1808	1809
Spasms	....	....	....	2	2	1
Spina Bifida	....	....	....	....	....	1
Sprue	23	23	36	32	16	21
Still Born	22	47	51	76	64	70
Stone	....	....	....	2	....	2
Stranguary	....	....	....	....	....	2
Sudden death	37	18	27	34	21	16
Suicide	10	26	15	16	8	16
Syphilis	9	14	12	15	10	13
Teething	33	30	44	35	37	48
Thrush	....	....	....	2	....	1
Vomica	3	....	....	3	....	....
Vomiting blood	....	1	1	....	....	....
Ulcer	4	5	6	4	1	3
White Swelling	1	....	....	....	....	3
Whooping Cough	19	19	72	35	35	50
Worms	27	34	45	60	43	43
Disorders not mentioned	86	....	....	....	....	....
	2125	2352	2225	2312	2014	2108

Total amount of deaths for the last six years........................ = 13136

[211] Remarks

From the preceding statements, it appears, that the total number of deaths in this city for the last six years amounted to 13136, making an average for each of the said six years of 2189 persons.

If the increase of our city has been in the same proportion, since the last census, which was taken in 1806, as, during the five years immediately preceding that date, our population must, at present, consist of at least 93,000

It is to be observed, however, that the number was not nearly so great at the beginning of the year 1804, at which time the present calculations commence. Hence there is a necessity of fixing upon some average, for the said six years; and if we should say 85,000, it is highly probable, that we shall come very near to the truth

Proceeding, therefore upon this hypothesis, the medium of deaths during the period aforesaid, calculating upon the [212] average 2189 will be as one to 38 4/5 annually. If again we take the year 1808, the most healthy of the six, and in which there were 2014 deaths, the proportion of those, who died, was to the survivors, as one to 42 1/5. On the other hand, in the year 1805, which was the most fatal of the whole, a malignant fever having prevailed, during the autumn to a considerable degree, the number of interments was 2352. The ratio of the dead to the living was, therefore, as 1 to 36 1/7

If then instead of calculating our annual mortality from the returns of the year 1808, which was the most healthy, or even from the average of the last six years, we should fix upon 1805, which was the most fatal, it can still be proved, that the city of New York is not only more healthy than any of the great & even moderately sized cities of Europe; but that it may also vie in this respect with several of the States & kingdoms of that continent taking the towns & country together

The above assertion is founded upon no less authority than that of the Reverend Dr Price and Mr Malthus, from whose writings, the following quo- [213] tations are extracted

" It may be stated in general " says the Doctor in his work on Annuities " that whereas in great towns, the proportion of inhabitants dying annually is from 1 in 19 to 1 in 22 or 23, and in moderate towns from 1 in 24 to 1 in 28; in country parishes, or villages on the contrary, this proportion seldom exceeds 1 in 40 or 50. The proofs of this are numerous and incontestible " See 5th London Edition. Vol: II page 354.

" The Number of inhabitants at Stockholm in 1763 was 72,927. The average of deaths, for the six preceding years had been 3082. One, therefore, in nineteen died there annually." Vol: II page 355; and in a note to the same page, it is added, " that, though a nineteenth part of the inhabitants of Stockholm die every year, yet in the whole kingdom, taking all the towns & country together, not more than a 35th die every year "

" At Rome, an account is taken every year of the number of inhabitants and, in the year 1771, it was 159,675. The average of deaths for ten years had been [214] 7637. One, therefore in 21½ died annually " See Vol: II page 355

According to the same author, at least 1 in 20¾ die annually in London. See Note Vol: I page 266 & Vol: II page 356.

The same is the supposed proportion at Edinburgh Vol: I page 283

One out of 20 is supposed to die annually at Paris Vol: I page 294

The deaths in Amsterdam are computed to be as one to 21 or 22 Vol. I page 249 note

In Dublin as 1 to 22 ibid

In Berlin as 1 to 26½ Vol: I page 295

In Manchester as 1 to 28 Vol II page 353

In Birmingham as 1 to 28 Vol: II page 311 Note

Malthus in his work "on population" Edition page 307 states, that the deaths throughout the whole of England may be calculated as 1 to 40

According to the calculations of M^{r} Susmilch, an eminent & ingenious German writer, it appears, that in the dukedom of Wurtemberg, taking the towns & country together, on an average for five years, one in 32 died annually. In the kingdom of Naples, the medium of deaths for the five years preceding 1777 was 115,412: and, [215] therefore, one in 37½ died annually. The same author concludes, that "taking a whole country in gross, including all cities and villages, mankind enjoy amongst them about 32 or 33 years each of existence See Price on annuities Vol: I page 268 note

It has been already observed, that, in the year 1784, the bills of mortality were not kept with the same accuracy, as they have been since that period. For this reason, in the formation of the following Tables, a reference is only had to the last five years, during which time the total number of deaths amounted to 11011

A Table

shewing the number of persons, who died in this city, at various ages from their birth to one hundred *&* years & upwards formed from the bills of the last five years.

The number of persons out of........11011

	deaths	living
Of the age of 1 year & under were	2462	leaving 8549
Between 1 & 2 years	1091	7458
Between 2 & 5 years	849	6609
Between 5 & 10 years	408	6201
Between 10 & 20 years	591	5610
Between 20 & 30 years	1394	4216
Between 30 & 40 years	1489	2727
Between 40 & 50 years	1059	1668
[216] Between 50 & 60 years	684	984
Between 60 & 70 years	479	505
Between 70 & 80 years	321	184
Between 80 & 90 years	156	28
Between 90 & 100 years	25	3
Between 100 & 102 years	3	0
	11011.	

A Table*

shewing the number of persons, who may be expected to die in a year, out of 1000, at various ages from their births to 100 years, calculated, according to the proportion of the preceding Table

	deaths		living
The number of persons out of			1000
Of the age of 1 year & under	224	leaving	776
Between 1 & 2 years	99		677
Between two & five years	77		600
Between 5 & 10 years	37		563
Between 10 & 20 years	54		509
Between 20 & 30 years	127		382
Between 30 & 40 years	135		247
Between 40 & 50 years	96		151
Between 50 & 60 years	62		89
Between 60 & 70 years	44		45
Between 70 & 80 years	29		16
Between 80 & 90 years	14		2
Between 90 & 100 years	2		0
	1000		

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* In order to avoid confusion, the fractional parts are thrown aside in this table. This omission, however, by no means, materially affects the accuracy of the calculation

[217] According to the preceding tables, it may, therefore, appear, by calculation; that for the last five years, the number of the dead has, at the several ages herein mentioned, been to the whole number of those, who were interred, during that period, in the following proportion viz

Of those, who died of 1 year & under	as 11 to 50
Of those, who died of 2 years & under nearly	⅓
of 5 years & under	⅖
of 10 years & under	as 11 to 25
of 20 years & under	as 49 to 50
of 30 years & under	as 5 to 8
of 40 years & under	¾
of 50 years & under	⅘
of 60 years & under	9/10
of 70 years & under	as 19 to 20
of 80 years & under	as 24 to 25

The probability of a person living to the age of ninety years is nearly as 1 to 500; & by the first table, it appears, that out of 11011, not more than 3 reached the age of 100; and these, previous to their attaining the age of 102 were, likewise, consigned to the silent tomb.

From what has been observed, therefore, it appears, that one half of those, who are born in this city may be expected to arrive at the age of 20 years, and this is a proportion [218] infinitely more favourable to human life, particularly in the early part of it than is observed in any of those great towns of Europe, with which we are best acquainted.

In proof of this remark, the following quotation is adduced from Malthus on population (page 307) " In London " says he, according to former calculations, one half of the born died under three years of age; in Vienna & Stockholm under two; in Norwich under five, and in Northampton under 10.

It may be further observed on the whole, not only as it respects the mortality of this city; but, likewise, of most, if not all other places, that there are no years of life, in which so many die, as during the first four or five years. After this life becomes less and less precarious, till about 15, from which time, it begins to decline, & continues to do so, till it becomes quite extinct in old age. To this article, the following remark may likewise, be added, viz, that according to our bills, if the first five years of childhood be excepted, the greatest mortality takes place between the years of 20 & 40

These remarks shall be concluded with a few observations on these diseases, which are most prevalent & fatal.

[219] Burned or scalded. These are principally children, whose deaths are occasioned by their cloaths accidentally catching fire. Were their cloathing made of woolen instead of muslin, accidents of this kind would not so frequently occur

Consumption. This, according to the bills, is by far the most fatal disease, no less than 2621 having died of it, during the last five years, making nearly one fourth part of the whole. But the amount of deaths, under this head, must be received with considerable allowance, as there is just reason to conclude, that many are reported to have died of consumption, from the difficulty of ascertaining the precise malady. With every allowance, however, it is still a most alarming disease, incidental in some degree to our latitude; but, no doubt, greatly aggravated by the adoption of fashions in dress adapted to more genial climes, and a want of attention in changing our cloathing, according to the changes of the weather

Convulsions. This is, likewise, a very mortal [220] disease and together with Infantile flux, hives, teething, worms & whooping-cough, constitute by far the greater part of the maladies, by which children & young persons are cut off. The amount of these, during the last five years, was no less than 3156, making about one third of our whole mortality. Were children debarred from eating unripe fruit, perhaps, the number of deaths occasioned by infantile flux & worms would be greatly diminished

Drowned. The number of persons, who have perished in this manner, during the last year, is nearly double of those of the year 1804; and considering our insular situation, it must no doubt go on to increase progressively along with the increase of our navigation & population.

Small pox. The number of those, who fell victims to this loathsome disease, in the year 1804, amounted to 169. Since that time, owing to the progress of vaccination it has been greatly diminished, not more than 29 having died in the year 1807; although, in the two last years, it has again increased to 62 & 66. Several weeks have now elapsed, since a single death has occurred of this disease; and if parents & guardians were duly im- [221] pressed with the facts, that the kine pock is an easy & infallible preventive against it; that this substitute may be communicated to the youngest child, and at any season of the year with the most perfect safety, & to those, who are in indigent circumstances, the means of getting their children innoculated is provided gratis, there is the strongest reason to believe, that this formerly so afflicting scourge would be speedily eradicated

Bills of mortality, in this city are as yet only in their infancy. Some important deductions may, however, be drawn from them even in their present state; and if the Common Council should continue to enforce accurate returns of deaths, they will, no doubt, in the course of some years, acquire a much greater degree of perfection & may become incalculably useful not only to medical professors; but also for various other useful purposes.

All which is respectfully reported
J. Morton
City Inspector

[222] The Comptroller reported, that the Cash in the Treasury amounted to $14,180.41

Ordered, that his honour the Mayor issue his warrants for payment of the following sums.

J. Delamontagnie Special Justice 1 Qr Salary	250.
James Warner Do Do	250.
B. O'Blenis Clerk to Do	250.
Edwd Moran Ass St Commr 2 days	4.

James Blacklidge services at Powder house prison, assistant & 4 watchmen to 29th Decr	329.27
John Declew Inspr Bread, bale to 10th instant	48.20
Isaac Auld, lighting public lamps & furnishing oil, for public buildings 1 month to 11th inst	1317.88
Simon Van Antwerp, Ironmongery for public buildings from 15th July to 28th Decr	160. 9
Edward Meeks Blacksmith's work from 21st June to 3d Instant	228.51
H. Brevoort & James M'Mannus attending on the battery, by order of Ald Mesier, 26 Sundays	26.
Richard L. Degroot repairs to mud turtle	6.78
Ephraim Jennings digging a well in Thomas St	21.
O'Neil & Lee cleaning wells in 5th 8th 9th 10th wards	34.62
James Douglass, Mark Stones, Hudson square Broadway &. Bowery certified by St Commr	92.50
Stephen Baxter 500 Loads of Earth carted to Beekman Slip last spring certified by former Street Commissioner	31.25
James Palmer work done at Collect in April 1808 certified by Street Commissioner	31.10
[223] Thomas & James Stevenson work to engines from 21st March to 8th Septr 1809 certified by Chief Engineer	152.45
Halsey & Westervelt piers at Peck Slip	2850.
John Lawrance Bond & interest	740.35
Executors of Thomas Ten Eyck	1632.41
	$8456.41

[224] In Common Council January 22d 1810

Present De Witt Clinton Esqr Mayor
Pierre C. Van Wyck Esqr Recorder
John Bingham Esqr Depy Mayor

Peter Mesier
Thos Carpenter
William Torrey
Chas Dickinson 7th
Joseph Watkins
Nichs Fish
Mangle Minthorne
Esqrs Aldermen

Saml Jones junr
Peter Hawes
Auge H Lawrance
Robt Bogardus
Willm Hoghland
Isac S Douglass
Thos Timpson
Edmd Kirby
Wm A. Hardenbrook
John Palmer
Esq Assistants.

The minutes of the last meeting were read & approved.

A petition was received from Mary Dodge and others, stating, that they were tenants of the Corporation of Lots in Walker Street that the removal of a house owned by Mr Hoffmeyer had laid open their lots, they, therefore, requested, that the Board would direct them to be fenced in.

Ordered, that the same be referred to the committee of repairs

A petition was received from Alexander Dobbin praying to be pe[r]mitted to sell coffee in [225] the Hudson Market [and] was directed to be referred to the Market Committee

A petition was received from the inhabitants of Elm Street, praying, that a bank of earth, which obstructed said street might be removed, which was referred to the committee on streets

A petition was received from the inhabitants of Spring Street complaining of a glue manufactory carried on by a Mr Dietz, in said street, which was highly offensive—Ordered, that the same be referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the 8th ward and the City Inspector

A complaint was received from William Bridges concerning a drain, which had been made across the road, which laid his ground under water. Ordered to be referred to the Road Committee

A memorial was received from sundry inhabitants of the Bowery, complaining, that the contract for laying the curb stone had not been performed agreeably thereto. Ordered to be referred to the Street Commissioner

A communication was received from Jacob Hays captain of the 3d district, recommending, that John Gurbert be appointed a watchman, in place of Benjamin C. Curtis, who [226] had not attended the watch since said Hay's appointment to the Captaincy. Ordered, that the same be referred to the Watch Committee.

A petition was received from John M'Gowan, praying payment of balance for paving Mulberry Street. Ordered, that the same be referred to the Comptroller & Street Commissioner

A representation was received from Edward W. Laight, stating, that a considerable balance was due the devisees of Edward Laight deceased for damages in opening Cherry Street & praying payment of the same, which was referred to the Comptroller & Street Commissioner.

A petition was received from George Janeway, praying payment of the sum awarded to him for opening Cross Street—Ordered, that the same be referred to Mr Jones, Lawrance, Hawes, Comptroller & Street Commissioner

The City Inspector presented drafts of ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances from No 5199 to No 5205 inclusive, which were ordered to be passed.

The following person was appointed a Fireman, the chief engineer certifying the vacy

Engine Company No 2

Henry H. Dominick, cabinet maker corner of Chatham [227] and Catharine St 4th ward. v. Benjn North resigned

Mr Hawes from the committee on the petition of Charles Le Roux, reported, that the prayer of the petition ought to be granted, which was agreed to; and the Comptroller was directed, at next meeting of the Board, to report the sums due and to present a warrant for the payment of the same. The papers respecting the same were directed to be furnished to the assessors on opening Bancker Street, that the same may be included in the expences of said assessment.

The following report was presented "We the subscribers ap-
"pointed by the Corporation of the City of New York and Jacob
"M'Keag to value the additional building to the Old Ferry House at
"Horn's Hook lately built by Jacob M'Keag having surveyed the
"same, do value the same, at the sum of One thousand four hundred
"and ninety three dollars $^{13}/_{100}$

Signed

New York
Jany 18th
1810

John J West
Gideon Tucker
Jacob P. Roome
John M'Comb Junr

Whereupon ordered, that the same be referred to the Ferry Committee

Alderman Torrey from the Committee [228] appointed to examine the accounts of Mr Mooney late Superintendant of the Alms House presented a report thereon, which was referred to the comptroller, with directions to present a warrant for the balance at the next meeting of the Board

Captain Hays reported, that the stove in the Watch House of the 3d district was not sufficiently large to warm the house in this inclement season. Whereupon ordered, that the Watch Committee be authorized to furnish a larger one for said watch house

The Committee on the Fire Department on the account of Israel Haviland, reported, that they had examined the same & that it was found correct. Ordered, that the Comptroller report the same for payment at the next meeting of the Board.

The Committee on the Fire department, to whom was referred the petition of Engine Company No 30, praying for a larger engine, reported, that the prayer ought to be granted, which was agreed to—They also reported, that M^{r} Hardenbrook had now on hand a compleat fire engine, which they would recommend to the Board to purchase. Whereupon the said committee were authorized to purchase the same on account of this [229] Board

On motion, it was agreed, that three members be added to the Committee on the Fire department, for the purpose of taking into consideration the expediency & propriety of procuring the several fire Insurance companies of this city to bear a proportion of the expences of the fire department, and the following gentlemen were added to said committee for that purpose. viz M^{r} Lawrance M^{r} Jones M^{r} Hawes

M^{r} Hawes now called up the ordinance for appointing Special Fire Wardens, when after some discussion thereon, it was agreed to refer the same to the last above named committee.

The Comptroller presented a deed to Lewis & Joseph Webb for a Water Lot, corner of Washington & Clarkson Streets on Hudson River from high water mark to the permanent line. Ordered, that the same do pass after having been examined & approved of by the Committee on Laws and ordinances

The Street Commissioner presented an ordinance for laying an assessment [230] for widening Banker Street, which was passed and the assessors named by the Board on the 2^{d} inst^{t} were appointed in said ordinance

The Street Commissioner presented a return of delinquents on assessments for drains in Gouverneur's Lane. Whereupon a warrant was ordered to be issued in favour of Henry Van Pelt, to collect the same.

The Street commissioner presented the following report

"The Street Commissioner finding an ordinance, which was passed on the 14th day of August last, directing an assessment to be made to pay the expences of opening Collect Street and appointing Peter Bonnett, John H. Sickles, William Whitlock Garret N Abeel & Luke Kip Assessors, begs leave to report that the said assessors have been duly notified and that William Whitlock and Luke Kipp have appeared and qualified to the ordinance—that Garret N. Abeel is interested in the premises

The Street Commissioner takes the liberty to recommend, that three other persons be appointed in the room of Garret N. Abeel, Peter Bonnett & John H. [231] Sickles, and is of opinion, that Stephen

Ludlam, Gilbert Coutant and James Tylee would be proper persons to supply their places.

All which is respectfully submitted
Jan^y^ 22^d^ 1810
Samuel Stilwell
S^t^ Comm^r^"

Which report was approved of and the assessors therein named were appointed

The following bonds were ordered to be consolidated and to issue payable as follows viz

1	Bond to Mutual Insurance Company	for	$1783	dated	9th Nov^r^ 1809;
1	D^o^	D^o^	1780	D^o^	4th Oct^r^ 1809
1	D^o^	D^o^	1500	D^o^	4th Sep^t^ 1809

Total 5063, to be in one bond to Augustine H. Lawrance; also 5 bonds 1. of $400 to Henry A. Coster; 1 of $400 to John D. Aymar, 1 of $400 to James Watson 1 of 400 to Henry A. Coster & 1 of $400 to Henry A & John G. Coster dated 9th Nov^r^ 1809, amounting to $2000 to be consolidated in one bond to J. G. Leake payable 9th January 1815.

M^r^ Bogardus presented the following resolution —Resolved, that the Committee on Laws and ordinances draft a petition and an act to be presented to the Legislature [232] of this state, fixing a proper yearly sum to be paid to the Mayor of the city of New York in lieu of all fees

Resolved, that the same committee report the draft of a petition and an act to be presented to the Legislature to appoint an Assistant Justice of the Court of Common Pleas called the Mayor's Court of the city of New York.

M^r^ Jones then moved to postpone the further consideration of the first resolution till the next meeting of the Board. On the question to agree to the same, a division having been thereon called, was carried in the affirmative in the manner following

Affirmative	Negative
M^r^ Recorder	Ald^n^ Carpenter
Ald^n^ Mesier	Dickinson 7^th^
Bingham	Watkins
Torrey	Minthorne
Fish	M^r^ Hawes
M^r^ Jones	Lawrance
Douglass	Bogardus
Timpson	Kirby
Hardenbrook	Hoghland
Palmer 10	9

It was then, on motion, agreed, that the further consideration of the second resolution be also postponed until the next meeting of the Board

[233] The Comptroller reported, that the Cash in the Treasury amounted to $10.208.45 and it appearing, that the dividend on Manhattan Stock for the last six months was   dollars

Ordered, that his Honour the Mayor issue his warrants for payment of the following sums.

Accounts audited

Lawrance & Van Wart—City watch	513.52
Farrington & White Do	552.72
Goodheart & Hays Do	604.24
Beekman M. Van Beuren overseer of roads to 11th Decr 1809	272.57
	1943. 5

Applications

John H. Sickles for New City Hall	2000.
Jacob P. Roome Supt of repairs	250.
Manhattan Bank, interest due 31st Decr 1809	4441.66
Richard Furman Superintendant of the Alms House	4000.
	$12634.71

[234] In Common Council January 29th 1810

Present John Bingham Esqr Deputy Mayor

Peter Mesier Thos Carpenter Chas Dickinson 3d Jas Roosevelt Wm Torrey Chas Dickinson 7th Joseph Watkins Mangle Minthorne	Esqrs Aldermen	Saml Jones junr Peter Hawes Auge H. Lawrance Robt Bogardus Wm Hoghland Thomas Timpson Edmund Kirby Wm A. Hardenbrook John Palmer	Esqrs Assistants.

The minutes of last meeting were read & approved

A petition was received from Peter Schermerhorn, stating, that in 1803 or 1804, he had, at the request of the Corporation, paid to Mr Lawrance $1000 being for interest on ground required for opening Beekman Slip; that this was done in order that his lot might be the corner lot of said slip; that the Corporation have since filled up said slip & the petitioner has paid large sums assessed on him for that purpose; that he considers himself entitled to some compensation from the public & requested, [235] that a committee be appointed to investigate his claims. Ordered, that the same be referred to the Committee on wharves, slips & piers

A petition was received from sundry inhabitants of Washington Street, praying that said street may be opened from Jay to Hubart Street was referred to the Street Commissioner

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Pitt Street, praying that said street be regulated to Grand Street was read and referred to the Street Commissioner

A petition was received from Fire Engine Company N° 28, praying for a larger Engine, which was referred to the Committee on the Fire department.

A memorial was received from certain inhabitants of Thompson Street, remonstrating against any permission being given to build upon a foundation of a house laid in said street by one Jones, who had been compensated by the Corporation for being stopped in building the same, it having been found, that it would interfere with the line of the street. Ordered to be referred to the Street Commissioner

Petitions were received from Thomas [236] Skillman & Mathias Hazen praying to be permitted to sell meat by the quarter in the Hudson or Fly Market, which were referred to the Market Committee

A memorial was received from John R. Murray and others requesting, that the Corporation would procure an alteration in the act entitled "An Act for the more effectual prevention of fires & to regulate buildings in the city of New York" passed 27th April 1801, so that the line within which buildings of stone or brick are to be erected may be extended so as to include Broadway, Greenwich & Washington Streets and the streets running from Broadway to Hudson river, viz Vesey, Bowery, Robinson, Murray, Warren, Chamber, Reed & Duane Streets. Ordered, that the same be referred to the committee on the Fire Department, with the addition of Alderman Torrey & Mr Hoghland

A petition was received from William Baker, praying to be appointed a wood inspector, which was referred to the committee on applications

A petition was received from Phineas B. Darley, praying, that a suit commenced [237] against him for breach of the Law regulating auctions may be discontinued, was referred to the attorney of the Board

A memorial from the Trustees of the African Free School was received, stating, that they understood, that the committee, to whom their former memorial had been referred, had agreed to recommend to the Board to grant to the said Free School Institution Lots Nº 107 and Nº 161 fronting on William Street; they stated, that those lots would well answer the purposes of the institution and they requested, that the Board would sanction said report. The Committee having made a verbal report to the effect stated in the said memorial, it was Resolved, that said lots be given to the said institution, and that it be referred to the said committee to report the terms, upon which the grant should be made

A Letter from George Goodheart was received, recommending Cornelius De Pew as a watchman in the place of Christian Benedict removed. Ordered, that the same be referred to the Watch Committee

[238] An application was received from Henry Remsen Esqʳ President of the Manhattan Company, requesting the Board would take order for paying some of the Bonds due by the Corporation to said company, the total amount of which bonds was $160.000. Whereupon it was ordered, that the same be referred to the Finance Committee

An application was also made on behalf of Jacob Cholwell assignee of a bond given to Miller & Baker for $2000 for payment of the same, which was referred to the Finance Committee

A communication was referred from Samuel Cowdry Esqʳ the late attorney of the Board, informing, that on the suit commenced by him in behalf of the Corporation against Lawrance Heyer for arrears of rent on two Lots leased to him on Chatham Street, he had received the sum of $665 from Samuel Tooker and Alexander Fink, who have purchased the leases from Mʳ Hyer & who requested, that the leases might be assigned to those persons. Whereupon ordered, that the Comptroller be directed to assign the said leases as requested, upon the rent, which is due being paid into the Treasury

The City Inspector reported drafts of ordinances for correction of nuisances from Nº 5206 to Nº 5209, which were ordered to [239] be passed.

The following person was appointed a fireman, the chief engineer certifying a vacancy viz

Fire Engine Company Nº 15

Darius Knight Shoemaker Nº 3 Catharine Street 4ᵗʰ ward v. Simon Crooker resigned

The Street Commissioner agreeably to the order of the Board, presented an ordinance for building a bulkhead across Peck Slip &c which was directed to be referred to the Alderman & Assistants of the 2d & 4th wards

A recommendation in behalf of remitting a fine incurred by John Paterson & which had been reported against by the Attorney of the Board was received & the subject was referred again to the said attorney

The Comptroller presented a report of the sum necessary to be raised by tax to defray the expences of the ensuing year, which was directed to be referred to the Finance Committee.

The Commissioners of the Health Office presented to the Board a memorial, from the said Commissioners to the Legislature, stating that, in consequence of the late restrictions, on commerce, the funds for supporting said institution were [240] inadequate to that purpose; that the legislature at their last session having granted them out of the State Treasury the sum of $6000, they had expended thereout the sum of $1000 and praying the legislature to grant them the like sum to meet any deficiencies, that may occur in the present year. Whereupon resolved, that the said application meets the approbation of this board, on condition, that no further restrictions be thereby laid on the commerce of this state

Mr Bogardus from the committee on the report upon the petition for a slip at the foot of Walnut Street reported, " that a slip at the " foot of Walnut Street in the seventh ward of the city is necessary " for the future convenience of that part of the city and the Committee " recommend, that the street Commissioner be directed to cause one " to be laid out of One hundred & twenty five feet in width and binding on the East by William Villeau and in front of the said street " and the ground held by D. Lynch Esqr

January 29th 1810 Signed Joseph Watkins
R. Bogardus

The former report of the Committee on the said subject was then read in the words following

[241] " The Committee on wharves, piers & slips, to whom the " petition of owners of land, at and near Corlaer's Hook in the Seventh ward of the city of New York, praying, that a public slip may " be made at the bottom of Walnut Street was referred, respectfully " report, that a public Slip at that place does not appear to be neces-

" sary for the present convenience of the inhabitants of that part of
" the city; but that at some future period, perhaps, not very far dis-
" tant, the public interest, as well as the convenience of the citizens
" may probably require, that such slip should be made there. The Com-
" mittee are, therefore of opinion, that the prayer of the petitioner
" ought not to be now granted; but they, at the same time recommend,
" that no grant be made to individuals of any land covered with water,
" which might interfere with such regulation, until it shall be first
" determined by this Board, whether a slip shall be made at the lower
" part of Walnut Street, or not

Signed James Roosevelt
Jan^y^ 2^d^ 1810 S. Jones Jun^r^
Edmund Kirby"

[242] Whereupon resolved, that the report of the committee made this day be confirmed; but that the said slip be not constructed, until in the opinion of the Board, the convenience of the city shall require it.

M^r^ Lawrance presented the following resolution. Resolved, that a committee of three be appointed to enquire into & make a statement of all arrearages on assessments due this Board; and that said committee be authorized to employ one or more persons to examine & settle the same, which was agreed to & the following were appointed the committee viz M^r^ Lawrance M^r^ Hawes & Ald^n^ Dickinson 7^th^

The Comptroller presented a report on the order in favour of Abraham Stagg on John Bussing by the late Street Commissioner. The Comptroller & Street Commissioner also presented a report on the petition of John M'Gowan. Ordered that the same be referred to the above named committee

The Street Commissioner presented an assessment for regulating Fourth Street [243] from Division Street to Pump Street, which was directed to lie for further consideration.

The following report was received from the Comptroller

" The Comptroller respectfully reports on the account of William Mooney late Superintendant of the Alms House, which were referred the 22^d^ ins^t^ together with the report of the committee on the same.

That from information received of M^r^ Furman Superintendant, who has examined these accounts with the books of the Alms House, the balance due M^r^ Mooney is $1108.50 agreeably to his account current of the 10^th^ ins^t^

M^r^ Furman has $480.45, the balance of a former appropriation,

which he is ready to pay to Mr Mooney; and the sum of $628.5 to be paid by a warrant, will make the whole of Mr Mooney's balance.
January 29th 1810 signed G. N. Bleecker Comptroller"

Whereupon ordered, that Richard Furman pay to said William Mooney the said sum of $480.45, remaining in his hands, and that a warrant issue for $628.5 [244] being the remaining balance due.

Alderman Mesier, from the Committee of Charity, to whom was referred the request of the Trustees of the City Dispensary that this Board would enlarge their subscription to said institution, reported that in their opinion, the corporation should in future, subscribe one hundred & twenty five dollars instead of twenty five dollars its present subscription. On the question to agree to said report, it was carried in the affirmative

Mr Hawes from the committee on streets, to whom was referred the petition of the inhabitants of Spring Street, praying that said street may be paved from Greenwich Street to Broadway reported, that the prayer of the petition ought to be granted and that the Street Commissioner prepare an ordinance, agreeably thereto, which report was confirmed

The same committee, on the petition of the inhabitants of Elm Street reported that the bank of earth therein mentioned ought to be removed, & that from its vicinity to places, which are now filling in, they presume it can be done, without incurring any expence, which report was agreed to and the Street Commissioner was directed to carry the [245] same into effect

Alderman Carpenter from the Ferry Committee presented the following report.

" The Committee, to whom was referred the petition of the Lessee of the Ferry between Fly Market and Brooklyn, praying a remission of a part of his rent in consequence of losses he had sustained by the interruption of the regular intercourse with Brooklyn, by means of the Yellow fever, at that place, during the last autumn, beg leave to report

That in order to ascertain the extent of the loss, which the lessee might have sustained by the said interruption of the intercourse during the Yellow fever, they applied to him & requested him to furnish them with a statement of the receipts of the Ferry, during the same months in the year 1808 & of the year 1809. This he has declined doing, nor has he furnished to your committee any other grounds, on which they can make a calculation except his own assertions. Under these circumstances your committee conceive that they might with propriety have reported against the prayer of the petition; but from a desire to do justice to the petitioner, they have endeavoured to discover from other sources what claims he has to the relief, for which he has prayed.

[246] Your Committee beg leave to premise, that whatever losses the petitioner may have sustained, have been occasioned by the dispensation of Providence, in which he was far from being the only sufferer & for which the Corporation are in no shape responsible; and that had he continued, during the time of the Yellow fever, to land his passengers, at the Old Ferry Stairs at Brooklyn, the number of passengers and of course the receipts of ferriage would have been much less than they were at the place designated by the Mayor's proclamation. Your Committee further report, that they are informed from sources, in which they place entire confidence, that, during a part of the time in which the passengers were landed, at the Dock near Pierpoints distillery, the sum demanded & received from foot passengers was six pence & in some cases a shilling a piece, for a passage in the barges belonging to the Lessee of the Ferry, and that this was only discontinued from a fear, that it would defeat the intended application to the Corporation for a remission of the rent.

Your Committee further report, that they find, that the Lessee of said ferry has granted his licence to a number of persons to carry foot passengers across the said ferry to Brooklyn, in small row boats and for [247] each licence he receives the sum of twenty five dollars per annum. There are ten boats now employed on the said ferry, under such licence. The owners of these boats charge the passengers in them six pence each, out of which they pay the Ferry Master two pence, being the sum allowed by Law. In this manner, the Lessee of the ferry gets his lawful emoluments of carrying passengers, without either employing his own boats or hands and at the expence of tripple passage money paid by persons crossing the ferrey. And so clamorous are the owners of these small boats, that persons, wishing to cross in the regular barges of the ferry, have frequently to wait a long time before one of them will put off from the reason as your committee suppose, that the ferry master does not wish to offend these his licensed boatmen. In this manner, persons, who do not wish to be delayed are driven to take passage in the sixpenny boats & this has so long been the practice, that it is now the usual manner of crossing the ferry. The consequence is, that many of the regular ferry boats are withdrawn or not employed on the ferry and Your Committee do not believe, that the ferry master has much more than half the number of boats [248] owned and manned at his expence regularly on the Ferry at once, which are required by his contract: from all which considerations your committee are of opinion that the prayer of the petition ought not to be granted"

29th January 1810 signed Thomas Carpenter
William Hoghland
Peter Hawes

Whereupon resolved, that the same lay for further consideration, and also that it be referred to the Attorney of the Board to consider whether the said lessees have not forfeited or violated their contract

Alderman Mesier, from the Market Committee, to whom was referred the petition of Alexander Dobbins praying to be permitted to sell coffee in the Hudson Market reported in favour of the petition, which was agreed to and the Deputy Clerk of the Market was directed to assign him a stand in said market

The Attorney of the Board, to whom was referred the petition of David Barker praying remission of a fine incurred for breach of the law regulating the lying of vessels in slips &c. reported as his opinion, that the petitioner was not entitled to relief, [249] as he had refused to comply, after the order for the removal of his vessel had been communicated to him—Which report was agreed to.

On motion of Mr Hawes, Resolved that the "Law appointing Commissioners of the Alms House and Bridewell and vesting them with sufficient powers for the better governing & regulating these institutions" passed 18th Decr last be amended as follows. In the Title, after the word "Bridewell" strike out the remainder. In the first section, after the words "Common Council", strike out the remainder of the said section; also strike out the whole of the second section, which was agreed to. The ordinance as amended now reads thus.

"A Law

"For appointing Commissioners of the Alms House & Bridewell

"Be it ordained by the Mayor, Aldermen & Commonalty of the "City of New York in Common Council convened,

"That three discreet and competent persons being freeholders of "this city be appointed Commissioners of the Alms House and Bride-"well, during the pleasure of the Common Council"

[250] The following resolution was presented. Resolved, that a committee be appointed to settle the line between the Corporation

ground in Magazine Street & M^r Janeway and also to make such other regulations respecting said ground with said M^r Janeway, as may be to their mutual advantage—Which was agreed to and the following committee was appointed viz Alderman Mesier Alderman Torrey & M^r Bogardus

On motion resolved, that the Street Commissioner be directed to cause a survey of the ground belonging to the Board called the Collect, to ascertain the quantity of earth requisite to fill it up and to report the same at the next meeting

On motion, resolved, that the expences of the deeds to the purchasers of Lots, at Hamilton Square be paid by this corporation and that the deeds be delivered to the said purchasers free of any charge therefor.

M^r Bogardus called up the consideration of the resolution, which he offered at the last meeting of the Board, respecting the fixing a yearly sum to be paid to the [251] Mayor in lieu of all fees and also for the appointment of an Assistant Judge to the Mayor's Court. Whereupon M^r Jones moved the following as an amendment thereto. Resolved that the Committee on Laws & ordinances be directed to enquire into the necessity and expediency of an application to the legislature respecting the compensation to the Mayor of this city for his official services, and that the same committee enquire into the expediency of an application for the appointment of an Assistant judge of the Mayor's Court of this city, and that the said committee report thereon at the next meeting of the Board, & have leave to report the draft of a suitable petition in the premises to the legislature & an act or acts on such principles as may appear to them most fit and proper. The question being taken on the said amendment, it was carried in the affirmative

M^r Lawrance gave notice that he should, at the next meeting of the Board, call upon the committee upon the Inclenburgh lots for a report upon the subjects committed to them.

The Comptroller reported, that the cash in the Treasury amounted to \$4420 $^{95}/_{100}$

[252] Accounts audited

N^o 877	Israel Haviland repair to engines	706.88
878	Adolphus Loss surveying &c	87.50
879.	Saltus, Son & C^o	24.36
880	James Hardie Salary &c	69.74
		888.48

	Applications	
881	Halsey & Westervelt	1075.
882	John G. Leake	23.33
883	Augustine H. Lawrance	90.14
884	Jacob Morton for deeds & maps for Hamilton Square	350.
885	William Mooney bale of account	628. 5
		$3055. 0

[253] In Common Council February 5th 1810

Present John Bingham Esqr Deputy Mayor
Pierre C. Van Wyck Esqr Recorder

Peter Mesier
Thos Carpenter
Chas Dickinson 3d
Wm Torrey
Chas Dickinson 7th
Joseph Watkins
Nichs Fish
Mangle Minthorne
Esqrs Aldermen

Saml Jones junr
Peter Hawes
Auge H. Lawrance
Robt Bogardus
William Hoghland
Isaac S. Douglass
Thomas Timpson
Edmund Kirby
Wm A. Hardenbrook
John Palmer
Esqrs Assistants

The minutes of the last meeting were read & approved.

A petition signed Mathew Clarkson Chairman and William Few Secretary was received stating, that the meeting consisted of committees of sundry charitable societies, who were assembled to take into consideration the causes, which tend to incur vice and misery in this city; that the attention of the Committees had been called to the situation of the Bridewell prison, where were confined promiscuously persons suspected of crimes and those, who have been convicted, a circumstance highly unfriendly to the morals of those, who were not already depraved; that the legislature in 1802 had authorized [254] the building of a prison to contain solitary cells, which they recommended to be done; that the great increase of tavern licences was also a great evil and they recommended that some mode other than the one now pursued be devised for granting such licences.

Ordered, that the same be referred to the Committee appointed 11th December on the Alms House viz Alderman Bingham Mesier & Mr Jones

A petition was received from certain persons keeping victualling houses near the Hudson market, remonstrating against permission being given to persons to sell coffee in said market. Ordered that the

Deputy Clerk of that market be directed to remove all such persons as have coffee stands, who have not received permits from this board for that purpose.

A petition was received from certain inhabitants in Liberty Street near the Dutch Church, complaining that the lamps in said street were not duly lighted. Ordered, that the same be referred to the Lamp Committee

A petition of Jacob Mabie praying to be appointed a measurer was read. Whereupon resolved, that the said Jacob Mabie be and he is hereby appointed a measurer for this city

Petitions were received from Barney Caffrey praying payment for paving Fourth Street, from Delancey to Stanton Street and from John [255] Simonds praying payment for regulating Sixth Street from Delancey Street to Stanton Street, which were ordered to be referred to the Street Commissioner

A petition was received from Dennis M'Guire praying to be relieved from a fine incurred by a breach of the law respecting the Stand of cartmen at the Coffee House Slip. Ordered to be referred to the Attorney of the Board.

A petition was received from the Stockholders in the Aquedneck Coal Company in the State of Rhode Island, stating, that they had discovered an inexhaustible mine of Coal & wished the Corporation to consider of the propriety of contracting with them for a supply of the same—Ordered, that the same be referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

The account of Samuel S Smith for 4½ days board of four Indian Chiefs of the Six nations and of their interpreter amounting to $40 was received & referred to the Comptroller

The Committee, to whom was referred the petition of John K. Murray & others reported, that they were unanimously of opinion, that, for the present, a further extension of the fire line for building ought not to take place, which report was agreed to

[256] An application from Cornelius Van Winkle to rent the upper part of the Watch House of the 1st district was referred to the Watch Committee

The Comptroller on the petition of Cort Went, praying a reduction of rent on his lease, reported, that the Board might from motives of benevolence, be inclined in the present instance, to make some abatement, on account of the poverty of the applicant; yet it would in the Comptroller's opinion open a door to applications from other tenants, which would be highly injurious to the revenue. He, therefore, would not recommend the granting of the prayer; but left it under the circumstances of the case for the direction of the Board.

Whereupon resolved, that the Comptroller be authorized to grant to the petitioner an indulgence for payment of the rent due, until the first day of May next

The Attorney of the Board presented a report in the case of P. Darly, which had been referred to him, which report was referred back to said attorney and he was authorized to remit to said Darly the penalties incurred upon his giving up to said attorney the name of his employer.

The Finance Committee, to whom was referred the communication of the Comptroller [257] on the subject of the sum necessary to be raised by tax for payment of the expences of the city and county, for the current year, reported " That, in their opinion, application ought " to be made to the legislature for leave to raise by tax, the sum of " One hundred & twenty thousand dollars to defray the expence of the " current year "

Rob^{t} Bogardus
Cha^{s} Dickinson 3^{d} w^{d}
Signed William Torrey
Edmund Kirby
John Palmer

On the question to agree to the same, a division having been called thereon by M^{r} Bogardus, it was carried in the affirmative in the manner following.

Affirmative		Negative	
Ald^{n} Dickinson 3^{d}		M^{r} Recorder	
W^{m} Torrey		P. Mesier	
Cha^{s} Dickinson 7th		Tho^{s} Carpenter	
Nich^{s} Fish		Jos^{h} Watkins	
Mangle Minthorne		Sam^{l} Jones jun^{r}	Esq^{rs}
Aug^{e} H. Lawrance	Esq^{s}	Peter Hawes	
Rob^{t} Bogardus		W^{m} Hoghland	
Isaac S. Douglass		Tho^{s} Timpson	
Edmund Kirby			
W^{m} A Hardenbrook			
John Palmer			

[258] The copy of a memorial relative to the said subject and of an act were then read in the words following

To the Honourable the representatives of the State of New York.

The Memorial of the Mayor, Aldermen & Commonalty of the City of New York respectfully sheweth, That they have estimated the sums necessary to be raised by tax for the expences of said City and county for the current year, founded on the actual expences thereof for the last year, which estimate detailing the particular objects of expence and the sums requisite to defray the same, they have the honour to transmit with this memorial.

From this it appears, that for the purpose of defraying the various charges of this city and county for the present year the sum of sixty five thousand dollars will be required, and the further sum of fifty five thousand dollars for the maintenance of the poor and for defraying the other contingent charges of said city and county.

Your memorialists, therefore, respectfully solicit, that an act may be passed [259] authorizing the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York to raise the aforesaid sums upon the estates real and personal of the Freeholders and inhabitants of said city

And your Memorialists &c

An Act

to enable the Corporation of the City of
New York, to raise money by tax
Passed 1810

1st Be it enacted by the people of the State of New York represented in Senate and Assembly.

That the Mayor, Recorder and Aldermen of the City of New York as supervisors of the city and county of New York or a majority of them, of whom the Mayor or Recorder shall be one, shall be and hereby are empowered, as soon as conveniently may be, after the first day of May next to order and cause to be raised by a tax on the estates both real and personal of the freeholders and inhabitants of and situate within the said city and to be collected a sum not exceeding sixty five thousand [260] dollars to be applied to the support and maintenance of the poor of the said city & county, the support and repair of the Bridewell of the said city, the support & mantenance of criminal persons, repairing & taking care of other public buildings in the said city belonging to or under the custody and care of the Mayor, Aldermen and commonalty of the city of New York, the making, regulating, repairing & improving the public streets and roads in the said city and county, the defraying other contingent expences arising within & properly chargeable to the said city and county and for defraying the expences, which the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the city of New York may sustain or be put to in exercising the powers vested in them by an act passed the second day of April, One thousand eight hundred and three entitled " An act to invest the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the city of New York with adequate powers in relation to certain objects of importance to the police & health of the said city and for supplying the deficiencies of former taxes upon any & every of the wards of the said city, owing [261] to the insolvency or inability of the collectors of the said wards any or either of them or others and fees of collection not heretofore provided for, such deficiencies, however, to be assessed on the estates real and personal of the freeholders and inhabitants of and situate within the said wards respectively, where they shall happen as aforesaid; and also a further sum not exceeding fifty five thousand dollars by a tax real and personal of the inhabitants of and situate within the said city to the Southward of a line, beginning at the North River, at a place called DeKlyne's ferry, a little to the Northward of the State Prison; thence Eastwardly in front of the New Banking House to the road commonly called the Sandy Hill road; thence along the said Sandy Hill road to the Northward of Potters Field and the house of William Nelson to the Bowery Road; thence across the Bowery Road to a street commonly called Stuyvesant Street and through the middle thereof to the East river to be applied to the payment of so many watchmen as the Mayor, Aldermen & Commonalty of the City of New York in Common [262] Council convened, shall appoint & employ, for watching and guarding the said city, to the purchasing of oil, providing lamps, and putting up the same, and repairing, cleansing and lighting those which now are or hereafter may be erected within that part of the city last described, to the digging, cleansing, making & repairing public wells and pumps in the said city & to defray the other contingent expences arising in and properly chargeable to that part of the city to the Southward of the line aforesaid, as the Mayor, Aldermen & Commonalty in Common council convened, may, from time to time direct, and for supplying the deficiencies of former taxes, upon the same part of the said city last described owing to insolvencies and fees for collection not heretofore provided for, such deficiencies, however, to be assessed on the estates, real and personal of the freeholders and inhabitants of and situate within those parts of the said city to the Southward of the line aforesaid

2^d^ And be it further enacted, that the said several sums of money shall be assessed, in the manner directed by the act, entitled [263] " An Act for the assessment & collection of taxes ", and each person's tax in one ward shall be collected in one payment, and the money so collected paid into the hands of the Treasurer or chamberlain of the said city, at such times after the first day of May next, as the said Mayor, Recorder and Aldermen as supervisors of the city and county of New York, or a majority of them, of whom the Mayor or Recorder shall be one, shall appoint & direct

3^{d} And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the collectors of the First, Second & Third wards of the said city to retain in their hands, three cents in each dollar by them collected; the collector of the Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, seventh & tenth wards of the said city to retain in their hands four cents in each dollar by them collected; and the collectors of the eight and ninth wards of the said city, to retain in their hands five cents in each dollar by them collected and no more, as a full compensation for their trouble in collecting and paying to the said treasurer [264] or chamberlain the monies, which shall be raised by virtue of this act

Whereupon ordered that the Clerk of this board cause the petition & act to be fairly engrossed & forwarded under the Corporation seal to his Honour the Mayor, now at Albany, with a request to present the same to the Legislature at the present session.

The finance committee, to whom was referred the communication of the President of the Manhattan Company reported, that from information, which they have received, the monies required may be obtained at 6 per cent per annum, payable half yearly from different companies in this city, provided it be expressly understood, that the interest be punctually paid at the time it shall become due; and, under all circumstances, the committee are of opinion, that loans be procured in order to discharge the debt due the said Manhattan Company

The Committee have thought proper to suggest for the consideration of the Board the propriety of disposing of the Stock held by this board, in order to redeem the debt due by this Corporation. The question having been taken on the first part of the report it was approved of and the Committee were authorized to negociate a loan, on account of this Board, on the principles of said report. The latter part of the report was ordered to lie for further consideration.

[265] The Committee of Laws and ordinances, to whom the resolution respecting the compensation of the Mayor and the application to the legislature for an assistant Judge of the Court of Common Pleas called the Mayor's Court was referred "respectfully reported, that from the best information they have been able to obtain they are satis-

fied, that the revenues and emoluments of the Mayorality have become so great as to make the compensation of the Mayor already extravagant; and when they consider, that these revenues & emoluments are principally derived from the fees & profits of the Mayor as the Clerk of the Market and from the grants of licences and other sources, which must increase with the population of the city and that the said office of Clerk of the Market is held by the Mayor under the charter and that other parts of his revenue are received under the charter or under Laws of the State. They are satisfied also of the propriety of an application to the Legislature on the subject for an act to enable the Common Council to provide a suitable remedy in the premises and they beg leave to report the draft of a petition to the Legislature and a bill for the purpose which accordingly accompany this report. As to the other branch of the resolution referred to [266] the Committee, they are not satisfied of the necessity of an Associate Judge of the Court of Common Pleas called the Mayor's Court; but incline to the opinion, that if the powers & duties of the Recorder as Commissioner ex officio were transferred from him to a special commissioner appointed for the purpose, his remaining duties would not require the aid of an Assistant Judge, and, on this principle, they submit the draft of a bill for the appointment of such a Commissioner

All which is submitted
S. Jones Junr
Peter Hawes"

The petition to the Legislature and the act relating to the salary of the Mayor as reported by said committee were then read. Mr Bogardus moved a substitute for said petition and an act corresponding thereto. On the question to agree to the first part of the report of the committee, a division having been called thereon by Mr Bogardus, it was carried in the affirmative in manner following viz

Affirmative

Alderman Mesier
Carpenter
Dickinson 3d
Watkins
Fish
Mr Jones
Hawes
[267] Mr Lawrance
Hoghland
Douglass
Timpson
Kirby
Hardenbrook
Palmer
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Negative

Alderman Torrey
Minthorne
Mr Bogardus
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Mr Hawes then moved, that the first blank in said petition be filled with the sum of $8000. The question being taken thereon, it passed in the negative. It was then moved, that this blank be filled with the sum of $7500, when the question being taken thereon it passed in the negative. It was then moved, that the said blank be filled with the sum of $7000. The question being taken thereon and a division having been called by Mr Bogardus, it was carried in the affirmative, the members voting as on the question for agreeing to the report of the Committee. It was then moved, that the second blank be filled with the sum of $4000. The question being taken thereon, it passed in the negative. It was then moved, that the said Blank be filled with the sum of $5000. The question having been taken thereon and a division having been called for, it was carried in the Negative in manner following [268]

Negative		Affirmative
Alderman Carpenter		Aldn Mesier
Dickinson 3d		Watkins
Torrey		Fish
Mr Hawes		Minthorne
Lawrance		Mr Jones
Bogardus		Timpson
Douglass		Kerby
Palmer		Hardenbrook
Hoghland	9	8

It was then moved, that the blank be filled with the sum of $5500; the question being taken and a division having been called, it was carried in the affirmative in manner following

Affirmative		Negative
Aldn Mesier	Mr Jones	Aldn Carpenter
Watkins	Lawrance	Dickinson 3d
Fish	Hoghland	Torrey
Minthorne	Douglass	Mr Bogardus
	Timpson	Hardenbrook
	Kirby	5
	Hawes	
	Palmer	

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The act prepared by the Committee [269] was then read in the words following

An Act for granting to and vesting in the Mayor, Aldermen & Commonalty of the City of New York the office of Clerk of the market within the said city and for other purposes.

Whereas a petition hath been presented to the Legislature by the Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, praying, that the office of Clerk of the Market within the said city and all and singular the fees and profits, revenues and emoluments granted or allowed to the Mayor of the City of New York, by the charter of the said city or by any law or usage, may be granted to and vested in the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the said city of New York; they the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the said city of New York making a proper allowance out of the same or out of the City Treasury to the Mayor of the said city with power under certain restrictions to regulate the amount thereof, which application is reasonable & ought [270] to be granted. Therefore

Be it enacted by the people of the State of New York represented in Senate & Assembly That the office of Clerk of the Market within the city of New York and all & singular the fees and profits, revenues & emoluments granted by the Charter of the City of New York to the Mayor of the said city, or which the said Mayor by the said charter or by any law or usage is entitled unto or allowed to receive and take to his own use, except the fees and perquisites, to which he is by law entitled as a Judge of the Court of Common Pleas called the Mayor's Court be and the same are hereby granted to and vested in the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the city of New York and their successors for ever; And that it shall not be lawful to or for any Mayor of the said city of New York, at any time after the passing of this act, to receive or take to his own use any of the said fees, profits revenues or emoluments granted to & vested in the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the said city of New York, by this act as herein aforesaid; but that the said fees, profits, revenues and emoluments and every part thereof shall and may hereafter be received by the said Mayor, Aldermen & Common- [271] alty of the said city of New York or such officers and persons, as they may, from time to time, see fit to appoint for the purpose to be used and applied to the public use of the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the said city of New York and their successors for ever.

2^{d} And be it further enacted, that the Mayor of the City of New York shall and may be allowed and have to his own use for his compensation as Mayor of the said city of New York such part or proportion of the said fees, profits, revenues & emoluments or any of them not exceeding in amount the sum of seven thousand nor less than the sum of five thousand five hundred dollars, as the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the said city of New York or their successors in Common Council convened shall, from time to time, think proper to allow him. Provided that it shall be lawful to and for the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the said city of New York in Common Council convened, at any time or times to allow and pay out of the City Treasury to the Mayor of the said [272] city, for the time being, as and for his compensation an yearly sum not exceeding seven thousand dollars nor less than five thousand five hundred dollars, to be paid in quarterly payments in equal proportions on such days as the said Common Council shall appoint for the purpose and which said yearly sum or allowance shall be in lieu of all fees, perquisites, revenues & other emoluments whatsoever, except only the fees and perquisites of the said Mayor as a Judge of the Court of Common Pleas called the Mayor's Court; And Provided also that the compensation or allowance to the Mayor of the said city for the time being, when settled and agreed upon by the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the city of New York as aforesaid shall not be diminished, during the Mayoralty of such Mayor

Whereupon, Resolved, that the Clerk of this Board be directed to engross fairly a copy of said petition and the act recommended to be passed under the Corporate Seal and to forward the same to his Honour the Mayor, now attending in the Senate of this State, with a request, that he would cause the same to be presented to [273] *be presented to* the Honourable the Legislature at their present session

The Comptroller reported, that there was in the Treasury the sum of $12.179.36.

Ordered, that his Honour the Deputy Mayor issue his warrants for payment of the following sums.

Accounts audited.

Lawrance & Van Wart Watch	$485.52
Farrington & White Do	552.72
Goodheart & Hays Do	632.24
Wm J. Waldron collr 1 qr to 1st inst	158.
R. Graves Supt of streets 1 mo to Do	62.
Mott Hicks asst St Comr Do Do	54.
Andw Otterson Do Do	54.
Wm P. Roome keeper of Potters field Do	31.
Wm Willess coroner 1 qr Do Do	189.68
Public Advertiser Subscription 6 mo & 5 ds	38.54
Benjn Demilt regg 3 clocks 1½ years	300.
Danl Martling planks &c. Supt of repairs	146.96
P. Burtsell, stationary for City Inspector from 28th Octr to 2d Febr	79.57
Matw Dikeman repg pumps 5, 6, 8 & 10th wds	112.24
James L. Jacokes Do 3d & 5th wds	92.75
Charles Loss, surveying & making maps	138.50

Amos Rooke keeper flag poles 1 q^{r}	\$82.50
Richard Furman Alms House	3000.
Charles La Rue for land for opening Banker S^{t} \$3000. Interest \$78.75	3078.75
	\$9288.97

[274] In Common Council Feb^{y} 7th 1810

Present John Bingham Esq^{r} Deputy Mayor Pres^{t}

Peter Mesier	Esq^{rs} Aldermen	Sam^{l} Jones Jun^{r}	Esq^{s} Assistants
Tho^{s} Carpenter		Peter Hawes	
Cha^{s} Dickinson 3^{d}		Aug^{e} H Lawrance	
James Roosevelt		Rob^{t} Bogardus	
William Torrey		W^{m} Hoghland	
Cha^{s} Dickinson 7th		Edmund Kirby	
Joseph Watkins		Tho^{s} Timpson	
Mangle Minthorne		W^{m} A. Hardenbrook	

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

An application was received from John Boardman to be permitted to assign the lease of Lot N^{o} 132 William Street, which he held from the Corporation to Isaac Sebring, William Torrey & Robert Morris Junior

Ordered, that permission be granted, on condition of the rent, which is due, being paid

A petition was received from M^{r} Baily stating, that a chimney in the house, which he occupies is so small, that a sweep cannot go up to clean it; that, during a snow storm a few days since, when no danger could be apprehended, he set it on fire, in order that by burning [275] it out, he might clean it; that he had been threatened with a prosecution for his chimney being on fire and he, therefore, prayed the intervention of the Board—Ordered, that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition.

Captain George Goodheart recommended Garret Westervelt as one of his watchmen, in place of Stephen Coles, who had left it. Ordered to be referred to the Watch Committee

A letter was received from Andrew I. M'Laughlin offering to pay the Corporation \$600 per annum for the lease of the Flag Staff at the Battery. Ordered, that the same be referred to the Committee on Applications

A Letter was received from Isaac Auld Lamp Contractor apologizing for the lamps not being lighted, on Saturday evening last in Broadway. Ordered to be referred to the Lamp Committee.

The following Fire men were appointed, the Chief Engineer certifying corresponding vacancies

N° 14

Cha^s^ Weatherspoon, Butcher N° 153 Read Street v. Benjamin Mercer resigned.

N° 16

Cornelius C. Van Allen N° 29 Frankfort Street 4th w^d^ v. John M. Reed resigned.

The attorney of the Board, on the case of John Patterson referred to him, reported, that [276] though nothing has been presented to him, to change his former opinion, yet as the man is extremely poor and has a large family to support, he would recommend a remission of the fine on payment of costs. which report was confirmed

The Street Commissioner on the petition for regulating Pitt Street presented an ordinance, which was directed to lie until the next meeting of the Board.

The Street Commissioner, in conformity to the resolution of the Board reported "that he had caused a survey to be made and the " soundings taken of the Collect, in order to ascertain the quantity yet " to be filled, a sketch whereof and the calculation is herewith pre-" sented. The soundings were made as deep as a reed pole could be " made to penetrate, and the calculation made to a horizontal line, " one foot above the present surface of the ice." Signed

Samuel Stilwell

From the calculation made, it appeared, that it would require twenty six thousand four hundred loads of earth to fill it up one foot above the present surface of the water

Whereupon it was resolved, that it be referred to the Street Commissioner to report generally on the expediency and propriety of filling [277] up the Collect; and if the same should, in his opinion, be proper, that he report to the Board the mode, which appeared to him most advisable to have the same effected.

The Committee on the petition of the African Free School reported, that in the opinion of the Committee, two lots in William Street (now under lease) designated on a map annexed to the report, ought to be granted (subject to the said lease) to the said Trustees or such persons as they may appoint for the purpose; In trust for the use & accommodation of the said school, and with suitable conditions in the grant, that if a proper building be not erected on the said lots within a limited time, or if the same shall, at any time, be appropriated to any other use than that mentioned in the grant, the same shall be void—which report was confirmed

The Committee, to whom the valuation of the additional building to the Old Ferry House at Horn's Hook lately built by Jacob M'Keag reported "That they had taken the said valuation into their considera-"tion and are of opinion, that the same is reasonable and that the "amount of the valuation viz $\$1493\ {}^{13}/_{100}$ be paid to the said Jacob "M'Keag on his paying the sum of \$15 being the one [278] half of the expense of said valuation."

Signed
Thomas Carpenter
Peter Hawes
William Hoghland.

Which report was confirmed

The assessment list presented by the Street Commissioner on the 29th January last for regulating Fourth Street from Division to Pump Street was now called up and conf^{d} Isaac Keeler was appointed Collector

M^{r} Lawrance from the Committee on the petition of John M'Gowan presented the following

The Committee, to whom was referred the petition of John M'Gowan & the Comptroller & Street Commissioner's report on the same subject, beg leave to report, That they have investigated the same and are of opinion, that the balance of $\$210\ {}^{72}/_{100}$, which has, for a long time, been due him, be immediately paid; particularly as he is a poor man and in much distress. This Committee believing it to be always correct, that when a contract or work is faithfully finished, the person employed should always be paid and not kept out of his money, owing to the neglect or inattention of any officer in the employment of the Corporation. The Committee also beg leave to request, that the Board order and authorize the Street Commissioner to take the [279] necessary measures to recover the same back, if due on the assessment.

To pay M'Gowan himself	\$170.62
D^{o} his order to Jn^{o} Williams, now in the S^{t} Commissioner's Office	40.
	$210\ {}^{62}/_{100}$

Augus^{e} H. Lawrance
Peter Hawes
Cha^{s} Dickinson
Committee

Which report was confirmed

The Comptroller on the 29th of January last presented the following

The Comptroller has the honour to report, on the statement made by the Street Commissioner, the 15th instant respecting a balance due by the Corporation to Alexander Anderson, assignee of an order given by the former Street Commissioner in favour of Abraham Stagg & Co directed to John Bussing Collector of the Assessment for paving Mulberry Street from Bayard to Hester Streets, dated 28th February 1807 for $182. On account of this order, the sum of $20 has been paid by Bussing the first collector & $70 by Richard Clarkson the second Collector of the assessment.

It appears, that Bussing absconded and Clarkson cannot be found. The surety of the latter is Lancaster Palmer, and there is still due from Clarkson, as appears from the report [280] of the Street Commissioner $143.38. It is respectfully recommended, that the Street Commissioner be authorized to take immediate measures, to have the said amount paid forthwith by the surety above mentioned. And as the Street Commissioner, in his report, has suggested the propriety of ordering the balance of $92 paid out of the Treasury, the subscriber respectfully recommends it accordingly

January 29th 1810 Signed G. N. Bleecker Comptr

And now Mr Lawrance, from the Committee, to whom the same was referred, reported, as follows,

The Committee, to whom was referred the within report of the Comptroller of 29th Ult: beg leave to say. That, in their opinion a balance of Ninety two dollars is justly due to Alexander Anderson Assignee &c. and should be paid to him. With respect to the other parts of the report, they recommend, that it be referred to the Street Commissioner & that he take immediate measures to have the same settled either by the Collectors or their sureties, if they on examination should be found liable

Signed
Augus. H. Lawrance
Peter Hawes
Chas Dickinson
Committee

which report was confirmed

[281] Mr Hawes, from the Committee, to whom was referred the report of the late Street Commissioner Mr Hunn, on the subject of opening North Street & removing the incumbrances on the same between First and Orchard Streets reported

" That they have taken the subject into their consideration and " understand, that the only remaining incumbrance of the Street is a " rope walk, now in the possession of Burnell Brown, under a lease " from Mary Ivers Administratrix of the Estate of Hezekiah Ivers " deceased for the unexpired term of twelve years from the 1st of " Novr 1802 "

" Your Committee have been unable to ascertain with certainty, as " to the title of Ivers; but have been informed & believe, that the " estate was granted to him with an allowance for the said street. As " Mr Brown claims the same under a lease from Mrs Ivers, he can " possess no greater rights than she did, at the time of granting the " lease and of course must look to her for his indemnity "

" If, however, no allowance or reservation for a street was made " in the grant of the land to Mr Ivers, it will then be necessary to " compensate the heirs for the same, in the [282] manner prescribed " by law "

" Your Committee are of opinion, that the said street ought to be " opened across the said rope walk, & the incumbrances removed, & " that the Street Commissioner be directed to take the necessary " measures to have the same carried into effect according to law."

signed Peter Hawes
Joseph Watkins

Which report was confirmed and the Street Commissioner in conjunction with the Attorney of the Board was directed to carry the same into effect

The following report was received from the Finance Committee

The Finance Committee report, that they have engaged to take from the New York Insurance Company the sum of Sixty thousand dollars upon interest at 6 per cent per annum, payable the 6th Feby 1813; and the interest payable 1st July and 1st January in each year. The Committee recommend, that Bonds issue accordingly & that the Comptroller receive the said Money and apply the same towards the immediate payment of so much of the monies heretofore borrowed from the Manhattan Company

R Bogardus
Wm Hoghland
Feby 7th 1810 Signed [283] Charles Dickinson
Edmund Kirby
William Torrey

which report was agreed to and bonds were directed to issue agreeably to the same

Mr Bogardus presented the following, "Resolved, that the Comptroller be and he is hereby particularly directed & required to make proper arrangements for the punctual payment of the interest, which may become due upon monies borrowed to discharge the debt due to the Manhattan Company," which was agreed to

Resolved, that the Committee on the Fire Department enquire whether any & what alterations ought to be made in the law respecting Fire Buckets

On motion of Mr Bogardus. Resolved that Mr Lawrance be added to the Finance Committee, and on like motion, it was agreed, that Mr Lawrance be considered as chairman of that Committee

The Bill reported by Mr Jones from the Committee on Laws & ordinances to be presented to the Legislature for the appointment of a Commissioner &c was now called up and read. Mr Bogardus, [284] as a substitute therefor, presented an act, which was also read. After considerable debate, the question being taken on the bill reported by the Committee, it was carried in the affirmative. Mr Bogardus then gave notice, that, at the next meeting of the Board, he would move for a reconsideration of the vote last taken

Adjourned to meet in the Alms House, on Monday next at 3 o'clock

[285] In Common Council Feby 12th 1810

Present John Bingham Esqr Deputy Mayor President

Peter Mesier	Esqrs Aldermen	Saml Jones junr	Esqr Assistants.
Thos Carpenter		Peter Hawes	
Charles Dickinson 3d		Aug: H. Lawrance	
James Roosevelt		Robt Bogardus	
William Torrey		Wm Hoghland	
Chas Dickinson 7th		Isaac S. Douglass	
Joseph Watkins		Edmund Kirby	
Nicholas Fish		John Palmer	
Mangle Minthorne			

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

This being the period of the visitation of the Alms House and Bridewell, the members proceeded to perform that duty, after which the following business was transacted.

A petition was received from Daniel French, stating his wish to take a lease of Powles Hook ferry, where he would employ boats moved by steam, on a plan of his own invention. Ordered, that the same be referred to the Committee on the petition of E. Boudinot &

others relative to Steam boats viz Alderman Mesier, Bingham & Carpenter

[286] A petition was received from William J. Waldron praying payment for a house and ground taken to open Walker Street. Ordered to be referred to the Comptroller & Street Commissioner

A petition was received from James Douglass, praying payment for Curb Stone for Rivington & Rynder Streets. Ordered to be referred to the Committee on assessments

A petition was also received from John R. Wheaton, praying payment for ground taken on opening Broadway, which was referred to the same Committee.

A petition from Fire Engine Company N° 33, praying that 8 more persons might be added to their company in consequence of having received a larger engine was read & granted

The following persons were appointed Firemen, the chief engineer certifying corresponding vacancies

Engine Company N° 11

Henry Turpin, Shoemaker Partition S^t^ v. Henry Harrison resigned.

N° 2

Jacob Vanderpool Shoemaker Catharine S^t^ 4th w^d^ v. Stephen Bedell resigned.

Floating Engine

Frederick Smith Cooper N° 5 Oliver Street 4th ward v. Joseph Marschalk resigned

William M'Allister Shoemaker N° 308 Water Street 4th ward v. John Campbell removed

[287] Petitions were received from Michael M'Gown praying payment for regulating Orange Street from Hester to Bayard Streets and from John M'Gown praying payment for regulating Hester Street from Broadway to Mercer Streets, and were referred to the Committee on assessments viz M^r^ Lawrance M^r^ Hawes & Ald^n^ Dickinson 7th

A petition was received from George Hepburn & Samuel B. Hine, praying licence to stand in Corlaer's Hook Market & was referred to the Market Committee

A petition was received from Peter Hoffmire, praying payment for ground taken for opening Walker Street, which was referred to the Committee on his former petition viz M^r^ Lawrance, Hawes & Ald^n^ Dickinson 7th

The City Inspector reported drafts of ordinances for the correction of sundry nuisances from N^o 5215 to N^o 5218, inclusive, which were ordered to be passed

Captain Hays reported, that he had suspended Samuel Beard for being drunk and asleep on his post. Ordered, that the same be referred to the Watch Committee

[288] Alderman Fish, from the Committee, to whom was referred an account of James Cheetham for printing reported " that an annual " sum has been paid to certain printers of daily papers employed by " the Common Council for printing their laws and ordinances, & that " additional charges for extra printing, have at the same time been " allowed and paid to them by the Board. That the present account " being for extra printing, the committee are of opinion, that it ought " to be paid "

Nich^s Fish
Feb^y 5th 1810 signed A. H. Lawrence
John Palmer

which report was agreed to and the Comptroller directed to report a warrant for the payment of the same. viz $64 $^{53}/_{100}$

Alderman Fish from the Road Committee, to whom was referred " a letter from James Abeel, stating, that a suit had been instituted " against him for rent due on a lot of ground leased to him by the " Corporation & praying, that the proceedings therein may be sus- " pended for a short time report,

" That at the time of sale, a map was exhibited, on which were " pourtrayed certain streets or roads, by means of which access could " be had to the property in question; that said roads not having yet " been opened, there is no way of passing to and from said lot, but " through the [289] property of other individuals, and consequently, " that any improvement of the land, which the lessee might have con- " templated, could not have taken place without the indulgence of " others. Under the circumstances of the case, the committee recom- " mend, that all farther proceedings in said suit be delayed until the " first day of May next, on M^r Abeel's paying the costs already in- " curred "

Nich^s Fish
W^m A. Hardenbrook
January 29th 1810 signed Mangle Minthorne
John Bingham
A. H. Lawrence

Which report was agreed to

Alderman Fish from the committee to whom was referred the memorial of Peter P. Van Zandt respecting property at Burling Slip reported,

" That a water grant was made by the Corporation to M^r^ Van " Zandt in front of his property at Burling Slip extending into the " water 200 feet from Front Street; that upon laying out and regulat- " ing South Street, there were forty three feet of intermediate space " between said street and the termination of M^r^ Van Zandt's grant, " which he claims under an act of the legislature entitled " An Act [290] " for regulating the buildings, streets, wharves & slips in the city " of New York " passed the 3^d^ day of April 1801, the 4^th^ section of " which authorises and directs the proprietors of such of the said " lots as may not adjoin the said street or wharf to fill in the inter- " mediate spaces & thereupon to become owners of the same in fee " simple. Upon this section, M^r^ Van Zandt contends, that the title " thus acquired vests in him not only a fee simple estate in the ground " itself, but that it also gives him a right to the water along the Front " thereof on the Slip in exclusion of the Corporation together with " the whole width of South Street on the Slip. The Committee enter- " tain no doubt as to M^r^ Van Zandt's legal title to the 43 feet of " ground filled in and made by him, under the law above stated; but " they cannot imagine that the legislature could have intended by the " above recited act to diminish any of the Corporation rights, or to vest " in an individual the power of obstructing the entrance into a public " slip or to appropriate the wharfage thereof to his own individual " benefit. They, therefore, are of opinion, that M^r^ Van Zandt's claim " to the water in the slip, in front of his 43 feet of ground & at the " end of South Street including the wharfage is not well founded "

Nich^s^ Fish
Signed Thomas Carpenter
James Roosevelt.

[291] Ordered, that the said report be confirmed

The ordinance, which the Street Commissioner presented, at the last meeting of the Board for regulating Pitt Street from Rivington to Grand Streets was now called up and passed, and John Brown, Thomas White, Benjamin Thurston, John Pell and John Drake were appointed assessors.

The Street Commissioner on the petition of Barney Caffrey reported, that according to the contract and receipts, there appeared to be due to him for regulating Fourth Street to Delancey Street $70;

that William Dustan was the Collector & William Falconer his security; that there is no account of returns of Delinquents from Dustan. Whereupon ordered, that the Comptroller report a warrant for payment of the said sum & that the Street Commissioner take measures for recovering the same from William Dustan or his Surety.

The Street Commissioner on the petition of John Simonds reported, that $55 was due to Simonds for regulating Sixth Street to Delancey Street, & that William Peters is the Collector—Whereupon ordered, that the Comptroller report a warrant for payment & that the Street Commissioner take measures for recovering the same from the said Peters or [292] his surety.

The Street Commissioner presented an assessment for opening Albany avenue. Whereupon ordered, that the Street Commissioner cause the same to be published in the papers employed by this Board.

The Street Commissioner, to whom was referred the petition of Edward W. Laight reported " That he has not been able from the accounts in his office, to ascertain the sum due to the petitioner. The " assessment for opening Cherry Street being not among the papers " relative to that subject, and not being able to find any recent account of receipts or payments cannot tell what remains uncollected. " But as the petitioner has set forth, that he has frequently called for " payment, the Street Commissioner is sorry to say, that he has ascertained, that the late Street Commissioner has retained in his " hands since the summer of 1806 seventy four dollars and three " cents, and that he has also received one hundred and eight dollars " for his services as stated in the imperfect account exhibited in the " Leger. That Thomas Timpson was the Collector.

" As the Street Commissioner has reason to believe, that considerable sums of money have been, in like manner retained by the late " Street Commissioner, he begs leave to suggest the propriety [293] " of ordering the late Street Commissioner without delay to account to " your Honourable Body for all the monies received by him and not " accounted for while Street Commissioner; & also that a committee " be appointed to examine into the claim of M^r Laight. And, as, in the " opinion of the Street Commissioner, from the manner, in which the " business of this office has for some time past, been conducted, there " is a constant clashing between this and the Comptroller's office. He, " therefore, begs, that a Committee may be appointed with instructions to draw the line of distinction between the two offices "

Signed Samuel Stilwell

Whereupon ordered, that John S. Hunn the late Street Commissioner be required by the Committee on assessments immediately to render an account of the monies received by him on assessments & still remaining in his hands. Resolved also, that that part of the report respecting the offices of the Comptroller and Street Commissioner be referred to the Committee on the Street Commissioner's department.

The Street Commissioner on the petition of John Mehan reported, that there is due on the contract of Walton & Mehan for paving [294] Grand Street from Bowery to Second Street $\$34.^{82}/_{100}$ owing to the failure of John Bussing the Collector, and on Grand Street from Bowery to Elizabeth Street $\$23.^{27}/_{100}$, Oliver Jaques Collector. On Third Street between Rivington & Stanton Streets $\$29.^{2}/_{100}$. In all $\$87\ ^{11}/_{100}$. Whereupon ordered, that the Comptroller report a warrant for payment of the same & that the Street Commissioner take measures for recovering the same from the Collectors or their Sureties

The Street Commissioner reported, that he had taken a general view of the Collect & found, that the mud has risen near to the surface of the water. He was, therefore inclined to believe it would not be expedient to make a contract for filling the same. At the same time he believes, it ought to be filled as soon as practicable, and, therefore, recommends, that a quantity of earth not exceeding ten thousand loads be contracted for by the load. Whereupon resolved, that the Street Commissioner contract for the delivery of 10,000 loads of earth on as favourable terms as possible

Mr Lawrence, from the Watch Committee on the recommendation of Captain Goodheart, for the appointment of Cornelius DePew and of Captain Hays for the appoint- [295] ment of John Garbert reported, that they recommended said appointments, to be made, which was agreed to.

A petition from Peter Hoffmier on the subject of the ground taken from him to open Walker Street was received and referred to the Committee on his former petition

Ordered, that the City Inspectors report ordinances for filling up the sunken lots about the Collect.

An application was made on behalf of Jacob Cholwell for payment of a bond to Miller and Baker assigned to him. Ordered, that the said application lie on the table.

The Alderman and Assistant of the Fifth ward were requested to nominate assessors for opening Walker Street.

On motion to advance $3000 to Abijah Brainard on account for curb stone furnished by him for Broadway, the same was agreed to and the Comptroller was directed to report a warrant at the next meeting of the Board.

Adjourned to meet at the City Hall on Wednesday next at 4 o'clock, 'till which time Mr Bogardus's motion for reconsideration was adjourned.

The Comptroller reported, that there was in the Treasury $65,416 3/100—Ordered, that his Honour the Deputy Mayor issue warrants for payment of [296] the following

Warrants ordered

Isaac Auld for lighting lamps	1.333.55
G. N. Bleeker 1 Quarter's Salary	250.
Samuel O. Smith, boarding Indian Chiefs	40.
J. C. Krapft, surveying	25.50
Manhattan Company's Bonds	60,400.
Benjamin Hoghland. flag Staff	200.
	$62.249. 5

[297] In Common Council February 14th 1810

Present John Bingham Esqr Deputy Mayor President

Aldermen		Assistants	
Peter Mesier Thos Carpenter Chas Dickinson 3d James Roosevelt Wm Torrey Chas Dickinson 7th Joseph Watkins Nicholas Fish Mane Minthorne	Esqrs Aldermen	Saml Jones junr Peter Hawes Auge H. Lawrence Robt Bogardus Wm Hoghland Wm Timpson Edmund Kirby Wm A. Hardenbrook	Esqrs Assistants

A letter was received from Josiah Shippey junr resigning his office as Clerk of the Alms House, which was accepted. It was then moved, that the Board proceed to fill the vacancy, and that the mode of appointing by ballot, be, on this occasion, dispensed with, which being agreed to, George Valantine was nominated & duly appointed Clerk of the Alms House

A petition was received from Hannah Jenkins, stating, that she is a widow and has three children to maintain, whom, for these twelve years past, she has supported by selling coffee in the market; that she has received an order from the Deputy Clerk of the Market to leave it, which order she begs may be reversed and that she may be permitted to continue her former [298] occupation. On motion, that the prayer of the petition be granted, the question being taken thereon, & a division having been requested by Alderman Minthorne, it was carried in the affirmative in the manner following.

Affirmative		Negative
A[l]derman Mesier	M^r Jones	Alderman Minthorne
Carpenter	Hawes	
Watkins	Lawrence	
Fish	Bogardus	
	Hoghland	
	Timpson	
	Kirby	
	Hardenbrook	

A request was received from B. O'Blenis to be permitted to make a vault in front of a house he was building in Sugar Loaf Street, was granted to be made under the directions of the Alderman & Assistant of the Fifth ward and the Street Commissioner.

M^r Hoghland presented the following list of assessors to be inserted in the ordinance for opening Walker Street, viz Jacob Sherred, Jonathan Little, Cornelius Du Bois, Anthony Steenback and James Tylee, who were agreed to and duly appointed assessors

On motion, it was resolved, that the interest due on the Bond to Miller & Baker now held by Jacob Cholwell be paid, and that a new bond issue for the same to Jacob Cholwell, [299] payable in two years.

It was also resolved, that the Bonds from this Corporation to the proprietors of Canal Street & which now remain in the Street Commissioner's office be delivered to the several obligees.

M^r Bogardus now agreeably to notice moved, that the Board do reconsider their vote taken on the 7th instant, upon the Act reported by the Committee. On the question to agree to the same, it was carried in the affirmative.

The Bill reported by the Committee was read and also the Act for appointing an additional judge of the Mayor's court, which was presented by M^r Bogardus as a substitute for the former. After considerable debate, the question being taken " Whether the Board approve of the Act for appointing a Commissioner, reported by the Committee, it was carried in the affirmative. A division being called by Alderman Torrey & seconded by Alderman Mesier, the members voted as follows.

Affirmative		Negative
Ald^n Mesier	M^r Jones	Ald^n Dickinson 7th
Carpenter	Hawes	Minthorne
Dickinson 3d	Lawrence	M^r Bogardus
Roosevelt	Timpson	Hoghland
Torey	Kirby	Hardenbrook
Watkins		
Fish		

[300] Two additional clauses were proposed by M^r Jones to be added to the Bill, which were agreed to

M^r Bogardus then gave notice, that, at the next meeting of the Board, he would move for the reconsideration of the vote taken on the additional clauses.

Adjourned to meet at the City Hall on Monday next at 4 o'clock

[301] In Common Council Feb^y 19th 1810

Present John Bingham Esq^r Deputy Mayor President

Peter Mesier	Esq^{rs} Aldermen	Sam^l Jones jun^r	Es^{rs} Assistants.
Thomas Carpenter		Peter Hawes	
William Torrey		Rob^t Bogardus	
Cha^s Dickinson 7th		W^m Hoghland	
Joseph Watkins		Thomas Timpson	
Mangle Minthorne		Ed^d Kirby.	
		W^m A. Hardenbrook	

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

A petition was received from Robert Lilburn praying permission to transfer the leases of the lots in the Commons, which he holds under this Board to Thomas Caddle and T. Thompson & was referred to the Comptroller.

Petitions were received from Thomas Marsh & Amos Randt for permission to have coffee stands in the Hudson Market & were referred to the Market Committee with authority to grant permits, if they judged proper.

A petition from Blaze Ten Brook to have a stand in the Fish Market at the Fly and of Henry Smith to sell meat by the Quarter in the Hudson Market were received & referred to the Market Committee

[302] A Communication was received from Samuel Cowdrey Esq^r informing, that he was ready to issue writs of possession in three suits brought for non-payment of rent due on lots, of which Oliver Vanderbelt was the original lessee. Whereupon ordered, that the at-

torney of the Board draw a power of attorney authorizing Samuel Stilwell the Street Commissioner to receive possession of the same in behalf of this Board

A memorial was received from Charles Gardner Junior, praying, that a house, which encumbered upon Grand Street opposite the market might be removed. Whereupon ordered, that the same be referred to the Street Commissioner with directions forthwith to remove the incumbrance

A petition was received from Alden Hatch to be appointed Street Inspector was received & referred to the Committee on applications

A petition from the inhabitants of Spring Street to have a bank of earth on said street levelled, and a petition from the inhabitants of Green Street, praying that said street may be regulated between Spring & Bleecker Streets were received and referred to the Street Commissioner

A petition from Hector Scott for continuing Greenwich Street through the grounds of [303] Richard Amos and of the inhabitants of Bedford & Arden Streets to open Morton Street from Arden to Greenwich Streets were received and referred to the Road Committee and Street Commissioner

A petitioner of Fire Engine Company N° 13 for a larger engine was received and referred to the Committee on the Fire department.

A memorial of George Defandorff complaining of a sunken lot in Leonard Street was read & referred to the City Inspector

A petition of Henry Titus complaining, that a lot, which he leased from the Board had been encroached upon by his adjoining neighbour was received & referred to the Comptroller and Attorney of the Board

A memorial of the Inhabitants of Stone Street praying, that an old building belonging to the Estate of   Norton deceased may be removed and suggesting the propriety of adding four feet in width to said street, was referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the First ward and the Street Commissioner

A petition was received from the inhabitants of Elm Street, praying, that some regulation may be made for the discharge of the water, which, in time of rain, falls in said *said* street was referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the Sixth ward and the Street Commʳ

[304] A Communication was received from the Police Office, that Captain Hays had reported, that John Dusenbury one of his watchmen had died on the 15th instant: and that Captain White had reported, that he had suspended James Frost and John Frederick for

sleeping on their posts. Ordered, that the same be referred to the Watch Committee

Captain Goodheart reported, that Horace Garrison one of his watchmen had resigned his situation and that he recommended Ephraim Brown one of his substitutes in his place. Ordered to be referred to the Watch Committee

The following persons were appointed firemen, the Chief Engineer certifying corresponding vacancies

Hook & Ladder Company N° 3 at Greenwich.

Stephen Crane Cartman. Spring S^t 8^th ward v. William Groshon removed from the city.

William Blakely Grocer, corner Greenwich and Little Robinson Streets 3^d ward. v. John Jennings res^d

N° 12

John Good, Baker, N° 16 Augustus Street 6^th ward v. Mathew Howell in goal

N° 20

Samuel G. Pearsall Sail maker N° 14 Thames Street 1^st ward v. W^m Brown removed from the city

N° 21

George Storms Carpenter Charles Street 8^th ward, v. [305] William Davender resigned

The City Inspector reported drafts of ordinances for filling in certain sunken lots at the Collect & for correction of other nuisances from N° 5219 to N° 5246, which were ordered to be passed.

An application was received from the Superintendant of the Alms House for an advance. Ordered, that a warrant be issued for that sum. viz $3000.

An assessment for the expences of the drain or sewer in Roosevelt Street was presented and ordered to be published by the Street Commissioner in the papers employed by the Board.

The Street Commissioner, stated that Simeon Skilling appointed an assessor for opening Banker Street declined serving; whereupon Nehemiah Allen was appointed in his place. He also stated, that John Brown appointed assessor for regulating Pitt Street declined serving; whereupon Ezekiel Bishop was appointed in his place

The Street Commissioner presented a return of delinquents on assessments for regulating and filling in Greenwich Street from John P. Ritter's to Hammersley Street, Whereupon a warrant was ordered to issue in favour of John C. Krapft, the Collector, to collect the same

[306] The Street Commissioner presented an assessment of the expences on constructing the drain in Beaver Street, which was confirmed

The Street Commissioner presented a report on the petition, which had been referred to him for opening Washington Street from Jay to Hubert Street, which was referred to the Street Committee

The Street Commissioner presented a report on the petition of Thomas A Emmett, which was referred to the Road Committee

The Comptroller and Street Commissioner presented a report on the petition of William J. Waldron, which was directed to lie for consideration till the next meeting of the Board.

Alderman Mesier from the market committee on the petition of Thomas Skillman reported it as their opinion, that he be permitted to sell meat by the Quarter in the Hudson Market; and on the petition of Charles Hazen that he also have permission to sell meat by the quarter in the same market, which was agreed to

Alderman Carpenter, from the Ferry Committee, to whom was referred the petition of the Lessee of the Ferry between Fly Market and Brooklyn made the following report,

" That since the time, at which they had the honour to make their " former report, the [307] said Lessee had exhibited to them a statement of his receipts from the ferry, during the interruption of intercourse at Brooklyn by the Yellow fever and also for several months " since that period and they have no reason to doubt that the Lessee " has experienced a considerable loss in consequence of the Yellow " fever at Brooklyn, during the last year, the exact amount of which " it may be difficult to ascertain

" Your Committee by no means admit the legal liability of the " Corporation to reimburse the lessee for any such losses, nor that " under the circumstances detailed in their former report, the lessee " has any very strong claims on the liberality of the Board. They, " however, for the purpose of putting the claim of the Lessee at rest, " and of closing the door to litigation, recommend, that the Corporation allow to the lessee the sum of three hundred dollars, provided " he will accept of the same in full of his claim, to be deducted from " the rent now in arrear on the lease of the said ferry "

February 19th }
1810 } Signed Thomas Carpenter
Peter Hawes "

On the question of agreeing to the same, a division having been called by Mr Hoghland it was carried in the affirmative in the manner following

[308] Affirmative	Negative
Alderman Carpenter	Alderman Mesier
Watkins	Torrey
Minthorne	Dickinson 7th
Mr Hawes	Mr Jones
Mr Bogardus	Mr Hoghland
Mr Timpson	Mr Douglass 6
Mr Kirby	
Mr Hardenbrook 8	

The Comptroller represented to the Board, that the contract, with Stephen Hitchcock respecting the Street manure would expire on the first day of April next and he suggested the propriety of taking into consideration the plan, which they would hereafter adopt respecting that subject. Ordered, that the same be referred to Alderman Mesier Carpenter & Mr Hoghland.

The Comptroller presented a report respecting certain lots of ground near the Free School and near Old Potter's Field, which, in his opinion, might be leased to more advantage than at present. Ordered, that the same be referred to Alderman Torrey Mr Bogardus & Mr Hawes

The Comptroller reported, that he had examined the accounts of the Superintendant of the Alms House from 31st July to 31st December last. The balance then in his hands was \$521 62/100 [309] Ordered to be filed

The Committee on the petition of the Inhabitants near Coentie's Slip respecting a walk across the head of said slip reported. On the question to agree to the same, it passed in the negative

Mr Hawes from the Committee on Laws and ordinances presented the following

" A Law

" to prevent the obstructions of walks across the public streets, or at " the head of public slips

" Whereas walks of flat or faced stones laid across the public " streets, and at the head of public slips are of great convenience to " foot passengers in crossing the same

" And whereas the said Cross walks are frequently obstructed by " horses, carts and other carriages; for remedy whereof

1st Be it ordained by the Mayor, Aldermen & Commonalty of the " City of New York in Common Council convened that no cartman, " coachman or other person shall obstruct the walks laid across the " public streets or at the head of the public slips in any part of the "city of New York, by placing or stopping his horse, cart or any "other carriage upon or across any of the said Cross walks, or by "placing or putting any other obstruction across or on the same, under "the penalty of five dollars for each offence with costs [310] of suit.

"2^{d} And be it further ordained, that if any offence shall be com-"mitted against this law by any child, apprentice, servant or slave, the "penalty in such case, shall be recovered from and paid by the parent, "master or mistress of the person offending together with costs of "suit"

Ordered that the said law be passed.

The Comptroller presented drafts of the following deeds for lots sold at the Collect, which had been examined by the Committee on Laws and ordinances viz 4 deeds to James Morris, 1 to Archibald Bruce, 3 to John D. Miller 1 to Philip Jacobs and 5 to James Drake. Ordered, that the same be duly executed and delivered to the purchasers, on their complying with the conditions of sale.

M^{r} Hoghland moved, that the sum of $540. be advanced to Richard L. DeGroodt, on account for work at the Flag Staff. It was moved, that it be advanced on condition, that he give security to return the same, if on investigation of his account, so much shall not be found due to him. On the question to agree to the amendment, it passed in the Negative and a division being called by M^{r} Hoghland the votes were as follows.

Negative		Affirmative	
Ald^{n} Mesier		Ald^{n} Torrey	
Carpenter		Watkins	
M^{r} Bogardus		Dickinson 7th	
M^{r} Hoghland		M^{r} Jones	
M^{r} Douglass		M^{r} Hawes	
M^{r} Timpson		M^{r} Kirby	
M^{r} Hardenbrook	7		6

[311] On the question to agree to the original motion of M^{r} Hoghhland, a division having been called by him, it passed, in the negative in the manner following

Negative		Affirmative	
Alderman Torrey		Alderman Mesier	
Dickinson 7th		Carpenter	
Watkins		M^{r} Bogardus	
M^{r} Jones		M^{r} Hoghland	
Hawes		M^{r} Timpson	
Douglass		M^{r} Hardenbrook	
Kirby	7		6

Whereupon resolved, that the Committee to whom M^r^ DeGroodt's account has been committed, be authorized on the part of this board to leave the adjustment of the same to arbitrators mutually chosen by the Common Council & M^r^ DeGroodt.

On the recommendation of the Committee, to whom was referred the petition of Peter Schermerhorn, it was agreed, that the subject of his claim be referred to the arbitrament of John Titus, Isaac Burr & Wynant Van Zandt Junior and that the attorney of the Board draw the necessary bonds of submission.

On motion ordered that a suit against a M^r^ Nesbit on behalf of this Corporation for rent due be suspended until May term next, on his giving a cognovit to enter judgment at that time, if the rent is not then paid.

It having been represented to the Board, that the firemen of this city had made an [312] *an* application to the legislature of this state to be incorporated as a company for insuring against losses by fire. The consideration of said subject was referred to the following committee with a request, that they would report thereon at the next meeting of the Board. viz Alderman Mesier M^r^ Hawes & M^r^ Bogardus

M^r^ Bogardus now agreeably to his notice, moved, that the Board do reconsider their vote given at the last meeting of the Board, on the additional clauses to the Act for appointing a Commissioner &c. On the question to reconsider the same, it was carried in the affirmative. The clauses were then read, and on the question being taken " Will the Board agree to the same," it was carried in the affirmative. The Committee of Laws & ordinances were then requested to prepare a suitable petition to accompany said bill, to have the said petition and bill duly engrossed by the clerk and that he be directed to forward the same under the seal of this Board to the Honourable M^r^ Clinton in the Senate with a request to present the same to the Honourable the Legislature.

On motion, Resolved, that on the 22^d^ instant, it being the anniversary of the day, which gave birth to the late George Washington the National flag be displayed at the Battery & a salute be fired at sun rise, at noon & at sun sett.

On motion resolved, that the Street Commisisoner be directed, on presenting an ordinance [313] for directing an assessment to be laid, that he present with said ordinance a list of names of Assessors, and that it be considered as in order, that the same lie over to the next meeting of the Board, in order, that the members of the Board may consider of the suitableness of such persons & may have an opportunity of proposing others, if they shall see fit

The Comptroller reported, that there was in the Treasury $15.659.57

Whereupon ordered that his Honour the Deputy Mayor issue his warrants for the following sums

Lawrance & Van Wart City watch	474.32
Farrington & White Do	552.72
Goodheart & Hays Do	643.44
Whitehead Fish 1 Quarter's Salary	125.
Do amt pd J. Munson for witness in Court	40.
Thos Hazard salary himself & 2 turnkeys	437.50
B. Hart for powder & cartridges for 25th Novr	130. 4
Edward Watkeys. Candles for City Hall	21. 0
James Drake Interest on bond	300. 0
Do Cash paid A. Smith for dinner for Ferry Committee	4.75
Daniel Davis, repairing pumps	35.50
Mathew Dikeman Do	10.50
A. Lannieur for refreshment for Historical Society	5.25
	$2780. 2

[314] Accounts ordered to be paid at former meetings of the Board.

Jacob M'Keag for buildings at Horn's Hook	$1493.13
Alexander Anderson for paving	92.
John M'Gowan for digging Mulberry St &c	210.62
James Cheetham for extra printing	64.53
Barney Caffrey for regulating streets	70.
John Simonds Do	55.
John Meghan for paving streets	87.11
Abijah Brainard for Curb Stone for B. Way	3000.
Jacob Cholwell Interest on bond	558.42
Applications	
John H. Sickles for building committee	1000.
Isaac Sebring for Bond & interest	2319.79
Richard Furman for Alms House	3000.
	$11950.60
Amount of warrants brought over	2780. 2
Total	$14730.62

[315] In Common Council February 26th 1810

Present John Bingham Esq^{r} Deputy Mayor President

Peter Mesier	Esq^{rs} Aldermen	Samuel Jones Jun^{r}	Esq^{s} Assistants
Tho^{s} Carpenter		Peter Hawes	
Cha^{s} Dickinson 3^{d}		Aug^{e} H. Lawrence	
W^{m} Torrey		Robert Bogardus	
Cha^{s} Dickinson 7th		William Hoghland	
Joseph Watkins		Edmund Kirby	
Nicholas Fish		William A. Hardenbrook	
Mangle Minthorne		John Palmer	

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A petition was received from Benjamin Waldron for permission to run out Fike nets at Bellevue Dock, for which he would give a compensation was referred to the Alderman and assistant of the ninth ward

A memorial was received from John D. Keese, stating, that, in pursuance of ordinances of the Board, he had filled in certain lots on the Westerly side of Pitt Street, between North & Stanton Streets; but that certain lots owned by Ephraim Hart and the Widow's Society, though by the same ordenance ordered to be filled in had not been so filled up as was ordered, which was of great injury to him & requesting, that the Board would enforce the ordinance against the said proprietors. Ordered, that the same be referred to the Street Commissioner.

A petition from Christian Borger calling [316] the attention of the Board to his former petition of November last was read and referred to the Alderman and assistant of the Fourth ward

A petition was received from sundry inhabitants of the Eight ward, praying, that a bridge might be erected over a Brook, at the corner of David & Henry Street, and that a lamp might be placed there, was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the ward, with authority to comply with the prayer of the petition

Petitions were received from Christian E. Zoeller and John M. Cooper praying to be appointed City Surveyors, which, on motion, were granted and they were accordingly appointed as such

A petition was received from Peter Ogilvie, Carey Ludlow and William Hunter stating, that by ordinances of the Board, they had been directed to sink a bulk-head at least two hundred feet East of Corlaer's Street & fill in the same—that they have complied with the same; but that George Janeway who owns an adjacent lot, had refused & neglected to comply with the ordinance, which was to them great injury. Ordered, that the same be referred to the Committee on Wharves, Piers & Slips.

A petition was received from William Houston and others a committee of persons interested in the ground in the vicinity of Canal Street, stating, that they considered the principle of assessing the damages for opening said street upon the owners of lots in the vicinity as partial & unjust, & [317] that, in their opinion, a part of said expences should be borne by the city at large, as the measure was for the general benefit of the city; but, as the Commissioners for laying out said street, appointed under the act of the Legislature, were limited by said act to assess only upon those immediately benefitted by the opening of said street, they prayed, that the Corporation would apply to the Legislature to modify the law so as to enable the Commissioners to extend the assessment. Ordered, that the same be referred to the Canal Committee.

A petition was received from Edward West, stating, that he was in prison under a judgment obtained against him for disobedience of an ordinance of the Corporation directing him to dig out a certain lot; that he had complied with said ordinance as soon as was in his power and never had any intention of disobeying it. He, therefore, prayed, as he was a poor man and unable to pay the penalty recovered against him, that he might be relieved from said judgment. Referred to the Attorney of the Board

Several petitions were received from a number of inhabitants recommending an increase of pay to the City Watch. Referred to the Watch Committee

An application was received from William Sebring to be appointed a City [318] measurer, which was granted. A similar application from Ruben Wright was received & referred to the Committee on applications.

An application was received from Charles Talbot to rent the Flag Staff at the battery, for which he offered seven hundred dollars per annum. Referred to the Committee on applications.

An application from Adam Marshall to have charge of the bell carts—Of Peter Stilwell to have charge of the signal poles on Staten Island—Of George Ward, William Holmes, Joseph Dean and William Banta to be appointed to some office were received & severally referred to the Committee on applications

A petition of William White to be permitted to sell meat by the quarter in the upper Hudson Market was received & referred to the Market Committee

A petition was received for a pump in Rivington Street, corner of Arundle Street & referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the Tenth ward and Superintendant of repairs with authority to grant the usual allowance

A petition of Stephen Crane to be paid for filling up Varrick Street was received and referred to the Street Commissioner

A petition was received from Gilbert Van Mater for grant of a water lot at Brooklyn East of the Old Ferry, which was referred to the Ferry Committee and the Comptroller. The situation of the Old Ferry House was also referred to the [319] consideration of the same committee

A petition from Fire Engine Company N° 30 to have eight men added to the Company in consequence of having a larger engine assigned to them was received & referred to the Committee on the Fire Department

The report of the Street Commissioner & Comptroller on the application of William J. Waldron, which was presented at the last meeting of the Board was now called up & being read was as follows

" That agreeably to the said statement in said application, they find the verdict of the jury took place on the 21st August last, that the award in his favour was $3950 for ground and buildings at the corner of Beach & Chappel Streets taken for the purpose of opening Walker Street, and that agreeably to a report of the Watch Committee dated the 9th October last, and a resolution of the Board, on the 6th November following, the Corporation agreed to keep said building for the purpose of Watch & Fire Engine Houses. It appears also, that the late Street Commissioner paid the said William J. Waldron $200, on the 14th December last, on account, and that the rent of the said premises for the last three months ending the 1st instant, amounting to $37 50/100 has been paid into the Treasury

[320] The amount of principal & interest to the 20th Instant is $3815 78/100 and the deed conveying the said property to the Corporation having been examined by the chairman of the Committee on Laws and ordinances is herewith presented. It is, therefore, respectfully submitted to the Board, whether a warrant ought not to issue to William J. Waldron for the above mentioned sum."

Signed Samuel Stilwell
Garret N. Bleeker

Amount of principal & interest due the 20th February 1810 as above..	3815.78
Additional interest for 7 days on $3750—to 27th February............	5.10
	$3820.88

Which report was agreed to & a warrant for $3820.88 being the amount of principal & interest up to this day was directed to issue. The deed was also directed to be put upon record & filed with the Comptroller

The Commissioners of Canal Street presented a deed from the Corporation to Miller and Baker for certain ground, which had been taken for opening Canal Street; but which was not now wanted for that purpose; Ordered, that the same be referred to the Committee on Laws and ordinances.

It having been represented, that it was necessary, that some persons should take [321] care of the battery and park, that subject was referred to the Committee on the Flag Staff viz Alderman Mesier Alderman Carpenter & Mr Jones

An invitation was received from Daniel French to attend to morrow at 2 o'clock to see the operation of his Steam Boat to Courtlandt Street wharf

The following persons were appointed Firemen, the chief engineer certifying corresponding vacancies

Fire Engine Company No 11

Wm Britton Carpenter White Hall Street 1st ward vice William Keefe resigned.

No 20

Robert Gordon Grocer No 80 Lumber Street 3d ward
Charles O'Neil Taylor No 64 Cedar Street Do
John M. Reed, attorney No 36 Courtlandt Do
Thomas Willett accountant No 156 Greenwich Do

being additional men granted 7th November 1809, in consequence of a larger engine

No 28

George Hill, grocer Spring Street 8th ward, vice Benjamin Farrington resigned.

No 32

Charles Cox Carpenter Second Street 10th ward v. Arthur Burtis resigned.

No 33

James P. Allaire Brass founder Walnut St 7th ward.
[322] John Woolsey cartman Lewis Street Tenth ward.
Jonas Brush Do Delancey St Do
James Chilson Do Walnut St 7th ward
William Craft Do Goerck St 10th Do
Thomas Beekman Chemist Bedlow 7th Do
Daniel Barker, cartman Broome 10th Do
Aaron Vanderbelt Do Arundle 10th Do

being additional men granted in consequence of a larger engine having been assigned to the Company.

Captain Hays having recommended John N. Scisco, as a watchman in the place of John Dusenbury deceased, the watch committee recommended the appointment of said Scisco, which was agreed to

The Committee on the Fire department presented a report on the subject committed to them respecting Fire buckets, which was ordered to lie for consideration

The same committee presented the following report on the petition of the Aquidneck Coal Company

" That they have by one of the committee given it as fair a trial as their conveniences would admit, and do find, that in a cabin stove (or what is called a large Grate Franklin Stove) which will hold near half a bushel of coals, and may be kindled with two quarts of Virginia or Scotch Coal, the Rhode Island or Aquidneck coal to be put on, when the other [323] is well on fire will burn five hours and, if mended and one half peck added, will warm a room 16 or 20 feet square the whole day, and at night, one third of the coal will remain unburnt

The Committee recommend one fire place in the Alms House (the Committee room) to be prepared for burning said coal, as they think it will be a saving to the public

N B Mr Torrey will attend, if requested, to give directions in preparing the Fire place and making the fire "

26th February 1810 Signed Joseph Watkins
William A. Hardenbrook

which report was agreed to.

The City Inspector, on the petition of George Defendorff complaining of a sunken lot in Leonard Street, reported, that upon an examination of the lot complained of he was of opinion, that the same ought to be filled up; & he also reported the adjoining lot in the same situation. He, therefore, reported ordinances for filling them up, which were passed.

The City Inspector also reported drafts of ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances from N° 5247 to N° 5262, which were ordered to pass

The attorney of the Board, on the petition of Dennis M'Guire reported, that in consequence [324] of the petitioner's poverty, he would recommend the relinquishment of the fine incurred by him, which was agreed to.

The attorney presented drafts of the Bonds of submission in the case of Mr Peter Schermerhorn for the approbation of the Board Ordered to be referred on the Committee of Laws and ordinances

Alderman Mesier, to whom was referred the petition of the inhabitants of Stone Street, reported, that having viewed the street and ground, where the contemplated improvement is intended, they are of opinion, that the prayer ought to be granted and that the Street Commissioner be directed to prepare an ordinance accordingly, which was confirmed.

Objections to the assessment for opening Albany avenue were presented by John Taylor, John Thompson, William Ogden, Robert Kelly and the heirs of Caspar Semler, deceased, which were referred to Mr Jones Mr Bogardus & Alderman Fish.

The Committee, to whom was referred the petitions of several charitable societies presented the following report,

" That the objects of the petition appear to the committee of great importance and such as require the serious attention of the Common Council; but that various considerations continue to induce the Committee to believe, that it would not be proper [325] to act immediately on the subject. The Committee recommend, that a Committee be appointed to confer with the said Committees of the said Charitable Societies and Institutions, and to concert or themselves consider of such measures as shall appear to be best calculated for effecting such of the objects of the said petition as shall be found practicable and proper, with power for the said Committee to take such measures in the premises, subject to the ratification of the Common Council, as they may deem adviseable

John Bingham
Samuel Jones Junr
Peter Mesier

which was agreed to and it was referred to the same committee to carry the recommendations of said report into effect.

An account of several Marshals for attending at the late trial of the people vs. Wakely was presented and ordered to lie for further consideration

The Street Commissioner presented ordinances for regulating Elm Street from Grand to Broome Streets; for regulating and paving Spring Street from Broadway to Greenwich Street and for paving the South side of Albany Basin. He also presented a list of the assessors for the same. He also recommended, that Ezekiel Bishop be appointed assessor for opening Banker Street in place of Nehemiah Allen, who is sick. Ordered, [326] that the same lie till the next meeting of the Board

An application was made by William Mooney late Superintendant of the Alms House, that the bonds given by him for the faithful discharge of his office might be cancelled. On motion of M^{r} Hoghland, that the same be referred to a Committee, it was decided in the negative

On motion, ordered, that a warrant issue to Peter Hoffmire for $1000 on account for ground taken to open Walker Street

On motion Edward Moran was appointed Collector on the assessment for Beaver Street drain

Abraham Brinckerhoff had permission to construct a vault in front of his lot in Pine Street under the direction of the Alderman and assistant of the Third Ward and the Street Commissioner

On motion resolved, that the Aldermen and Assistants of the several wards be authorized to appoint, at their discretion, Peace Officers to enforce the observance of the Law respecting the Sabbath, and that the officers so employed receive for their services one dollar $^{50}/_{100}$ per day *for their services.*

The Comptroller reported, that there was in the Treasury	9566.00
Warrants unpaid	2235.09
	$7330.09

[327] Ordered, that the Deputy Mayor issue his warrant for payment of the following sums

Hardenbrook & Nichols, repairing engines	1575.35
John Johnson, Iron work for public buildings	127. 2
B. Skaats & Assist^{t} Salary & expences at the hall	117.43
Watson & Campbell. Timber for Sup^{t} of repairs	88.42
James Hardie. 1 Month's salary	62.50
David King, for beer for Corporation & room for Grand Jury	44.13
Southwick & Pelsue, for printing	133.50
James Cheetham for D^{o}	33.90

Editors of Mercantile Advertiser Do	74.50
Editor of Commercial Advertiser Do	14.12
Applications	
Street Comr for account filling the Collect	400.
Supt of repairs, to pay workmen	250.
Wm J. Waldron for ground to open Walker Street	3820.88
Peter Hoffmire for Do	1000.
	$7745.75

[328] In Common Council March 5th 1810

Present Jacob Radcliff Esqr President

Peter Mesier Thos Carpenter Chas Dickinson 3d James Roosevelt William Torrey Chas Dickinson 7th Joseph Watkins Mangle Minthorne	Esqs Aldermen	Saml Jones Junr Peter Hawes Auge H. Lawrence Robt Bogardus Isaac S. Douglass Thos Timpson Edmund Kirby Wm A. Hardenbrook Wm Hoghland	Esqs Assistants

Jacob Radcliff Esquire, who had been appointed by the Honourable the Council of appointment, Mayor of the City of New York and who had taken and subscribed the oaths prescribed by law, appeared and took his seat as President of the Board

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Petitions were received from Daniel Fash to be appointed an Inspector of lime and from Crowell Evans and Robert Ratoon to be appointed measurers of grain &c. which were granted and they were appointed to the offices solicited by them

Petitions were received from Henry D. Tripp, Martin Pinto and John Palmer to be appointed Inspectors of Streets; from Ephraim [329] Ludlum to be appointed Superintendant of Repairs and from John Covert to be appointed Wood Inspector, which were referred to the Committee on applications

A petition was also received from Uzal W. Freeman to be appointed a City Surveyor, which was referred to the Street Commissioner

A petition was received from the inhabitants of Spring Street, praying, that the same may be paved &c from Bowery Road to the Broadway, which was referred to the Street Commissioner

A memorial was received complaining of the conduct of James Savage one of the Wood Inspectors, which was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Seventh Ward

A memorial was received from sundry inhabitants of Peck Slip, praying, that said slip may be filled up, so as that Front Street may be carried across it. Two remonstrances against filling up said slip were also received, which were severally referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Fourth & Second wards, with directions to report thereon with all convenient speed.

A communication was received [330] from Alexander Andrews recommending to the use of the Corporation a newly invented burner and reflecter for lamps. Ordered that the same be referred to the Lamp Committee

A petition of William Brown for payment of sundry Collect Tickets was received and referred to the Street Commissioner.

A petition of Archibald Smith for payment for paving North Moore Street was received and referred to the Street Commissioner and comptroller.

A petition was received from James Farrell and Thomas Fanning praying payment for paving Thomas & South Streets, which was referred to the Street Commissioner.

A petition was received from Maria Bowering, praying, that the payment of an assessment for filling in Spring Street, laid upon lots N^{os} 353, 354, 355 and 356 in said street might be deferred until May next was granted.

A petition from Fire Engine Company N^{o} 31 respecting an engine, that had been ordered for them, was referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

A request was received from Gerard Walton in behalf of the owners of piers to the Southward and Eastward of South Street, to be informed whether the act of the legislature [331] authorising them to erect piers sufficiently invests them with the emoluments arising therefrom, or whether a further grant from the corporation was wanting. On motion, resolved, that it is not proper for this Board to express any opinion on the subject

A request was received from proprietors of lots on the Albany avenue, praying, that said road might be continued from Potter's field to the first Cross road. Ordered that the same be referred to the Committee appointed to take into consideration the objections to the assessment upon Albany Avenue viz M^r^ Jones, M^r^ Bogardus and Alderman Fish

A petition of Thomas Anderson for remission of a fine incurred by selling liquor without licence was received & referred to the Attorney of the Board

A memorial was received from sundry inhabitants of Cherry Street, praying, that a street may be opened from the Westerly side of the Friends Meeting House to Roosevelt Street. Referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the Fourth ward and the Street Commissioner

A memorial was received from sundry inhabitants, praying that Pearl Street [332] might be widened at the junction of said street with Wall Street

A counter memorial to the above from Christian and Daniel Baehr & others was also received. A motion having been made to refer the same to a committee, it passed in the negative; and on motion to reject the first named petition, it was carried in the affirmative

A request was received from Samuel L. Page Junior, that the Corporation would take of him a house and lot in Greenwich Street in payment of a bond and mortgage held by the Board against him. Ordered, that the same be referred to the Comptroller & Street Commissioner

A petition from William Mook to receive a Butcher's licence and to sell meat by the quarter was referred to the Market Committee

A petition from sundry captains and owners of packets, which ply between New Brunswick, New Windsor and New Burgh and this city was received, stating, that by the regulations of the present lessee of slips, they cannot stop to discharge even a part of a cargoe, at any of the public slips without being compelled to pay a year's wharfage, which they consider unreasonable and praying that the Corporation would so regulate it, as that they may be permitted to use the public slips upon pay- [333] ing wharfage, as at private wharves. Ordered to be referred to the Committee on wharves, slips and piers

Philip Hone was permitted to build a vault in front of his lot in Courtland Street under the direction of the Alderman and Assistant of the Third ward and the Street Commissioner

The following persons were appointed Firemen, the Chief Engineer certifying corresponding vacancies.

Fire Engine Company N° 5

Sylvester Pier, Coppersmith N° 142 William Street 2^d^ ward v. Enos Alley removed

N° 10

Samuel Graham Gardner, Bowery Road 10th ward v. James Turner resigned

James Webster, cartman Bowery Road 9th ward v. Peter Wiley resigned

A communication was received from Colonel Williams Commandant of the Corps of Engineers, stating, that it would be necessary to carry the Manhattan water pipes, through the public grounds at the Battery to the Fort erecting at that place by the United States. Ordered, that permission be given for that purpose under the direction of the Committee on the Flag Staff

An application was made by J. B. Varrick for payment of interest on one of the [334] bonds given to Miller and Baker by this Board, of which he was assignee. Ordered, that it be referred to the Comptroller to report a warrant for the same, if due

The City Inspector reported drafts of ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances, from N° 5263 to N° 5284 inclusive, which were ordered to be passed.

The Market Committee on the petition of George Hepburn and Samuel B. Hine for permission to have a stand in Corlaer's Hook Market, reported in favour of granting the prayer of the petition, which was agreed to.

The Committee, to whom was referred the communication of the Comptroller respecting certain lots of ground owned by the corporation, reported, "respecting the Public ground fronting on Chatham Street between the building occupied by the New York Free School and the Jail" that they recommended "that the Street Commissioner cause a survey of the said property apportioned into lots: also, that the Street Commissioner likewise cause a survey apportioned into lots of the ground near the New arsenal and Albany Avenue belonging to this Corporation & report the same for further consideration"

William Torrey
Signed Peter Hawes
Robert Bogardus.

[335] Mr Jones moved, that the first part of said report be rejected. On the question to agree to the same it passed in the negative On the question to agree to the report of the Committee, it was carried in the affirmative

The ferry committee to whom was referred the petition of Gilbert Van Mater of Brooklyn for a grant of a certain water lot, on the

East side of the Old Ferry at Brooklyn, reported, "that they have carefully examined the water lot referred to in the said petition and have also conversed with the petitioner, and they find that a part of the same lies in front of land owned by the said petitioner in fee simple; but that a principal part thereof lies in front of ground owned by the Corporation. Your Committee do not think it advisable to grant to the petitioner, that part of the said water lot, which lies in front of the land owned by the Corporation, as it would in their opinion, lessen the value of the said land and would also deprive the said land of a front on Water Street, whenever the said street shall be regulated and carried through to Old Ferry Street. They are, however, sensible, that it would be of great benefit, as well to the Corporation property as to the town of Brooklyn to have the said water lot filled up to low water mark & they suggest the propriety of offering a lease of the said Water lot to the petitioner on condition of his having the same filled in within a reasonable [336] time. As to that part of the water lot lying in front of your Petitioners own land, your Committee recommend, that a grant be made to him of the same upon the usual conditions"

signed Thos Carpenter
March 5th 1810 Peter Hawes
William Hoghland

which report was agreed to. It was also resolved that the same Committee treat with Mr Van Mater on the subject of leasing to him the Water Lot belonging to this Board

The Comptroller on the petition of Robert Lylburn to transfer the lease of his lots to Thomas Cadle and Francis Thompson reported as his opinion, that permission be granted, which was agreed to

The Attorney of the Board presented Bonds of submission between the Board and Peter Schermerhorn & Richard DeGroodt, which were ordered to be executed on the part of the Corporation.

The Street Commissioner reported, that agreeably to the direction of the Board and by virtue of a power of attorney, he had taken possession, in their name, of the several pieces of ground in the Ninth Ward, in three several writs of habere facias possessionem, mentioned issuing out of the Supreme Court of this state upon three several instruments docketed on the 17 day of February last

The Street Commissioner presented the [337] objections, which had been made against the assessment for making a drain at the foot of Roosevelt Street. The said objections having been considered, it was resolved, that the said assessment be not confirmed. It was also ordered, that the Street Commissioner present an ordinance for a new assessment of the expences of said drain

Mr Jones presented the following report.

The Committee, to whom was referred the draft of a release from the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York to Miller and Baker of their right and interest in a certain piece of ground heretofore taken from Miller and Baker for opening and forming Canal Street; but which is not now wanted for that purpose, respectfully report, that they see no material objection to the form of the release; but that they entertain doubts of the right or power of the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the city of New York to appropriate or dispose of the said ground to or for any other purpose than that of a public street or highway, for which the same was taken under and by virtue of the acts for that purpose made and provided; And they recommend that application be made by petition to the legislature for power to the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the city of New York to sell and dispose [338] of all such ground as hath been heretofore taken by and vested in them by law for the purpose of opening and forming Canal Street, which is not now wanted for that purpose; but giving to the owners of ground adjoining the same respectively a preemptive right with liberty to them respectively to purchase the same at the prices given for the same by the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York with such interest as hath been paid by or is now chargeable to the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty therefor"

Signed S. Jones Junior
Robt Bogardus
Peter Hawes

which report was agreed to and the same Committee was requested to prepare a petition to the legislature in conformity to said report & also the draft of a bill to accompany the same

The Committee, to whom was referred the petition of Christian Borger reported, that the petitioner is owner of the lot & has rebuilt two good houses on it and is well able to pay the tax of ten dollars assessed on the same & are, therefore, of opinion, that the prayer of his petition ought not to be granted, which was agreed to

The Finance Committee, to whom the petition of Peter Lorillard was referred reported, "that they had examined and ascertained the facts stated in the said petition to be true and are of the opinion, that the prayer of the petition ought [339] to be granted and recommend, that the Comptroller prepare the necessary papers and complete the arrangement with the said Peter Lorillard as proposed by the said petition"

Augus: H. Lawrence
Robert Bogardus
Edmund Kirby

which was agreed to and the Comptroller was directed to make out a lease correspondent thereto

The Committee, to whom was referred the communication of the Comptroller respecting the expiration of Stephen Hitchcock's contract for Street manure presented a report the consideration of which was postponed

The Attorney of the Board, to whom was referred the petition of Edward West; praying to be relieved from a judgment obtained against him for not complying with an ordinance respecting levelling a lot, reported, that the facts stated in said petition are true; that the petitioner did comply with the ordinance with all the expedition in his power and was delayed by circumstances not under his controul; that the late attorney of the Board on a reference of the case to him had made a similar report. He, therefore, recommended, that he be discharged from the suit on payment of costs, which report was confirmed

[340] On motion, the following amendments to the Law entitled "A law to regulate the sale of Fire wood, for the appointment of Inspectors thereof, and for the division of the city into inspection districts." passed January 4th 1808 were enacted. In Section 8th In place of "fourteen" say "sixteen" districts. Then add to the said section "that the Fifteenth district shall be composed of and comprehend the whole of the Ninth Ward, adjoining the North or Hudson River and the Sixteenth district shall be comprised of and comprehend the whole of the Ninth Ward adjoining the East and Harlaem River

Section 14th And be it further ordained, that nothing in this ordinance shall be construed to prohibit the purchase or sale of fire wood in the Ninth Ward, by the cord or measurment, Provided always, and it is hereby ordained, that it shall be the duty of the Inspectors of the Fifteenth and Sixteenth districts to see that a sufficient allowance be made for any deficiencies of length, so as to make each and every cord by either of them inspected, to be equal to four cart loads, as is provided for in the third section of this law

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The Street Commissioner presented an ordinance for regulating Green Street from Prince to Bleeker Street [which] was now called up and passed and Christopher Beakley, Peter Hatterick, Ebenezer Clark, George Cleland & [341] William Chives were appointed assessors. The Street Commissioner also presented a new ordinance for opening Walker Street, which was passed, and Jacob Sherred, Jonathan Little, Cornelius Du Bois, Anthony Steenback and James Tylee agreed upon on the 14th ultimo were appointed Assessors. The Street Commissioners represented, that Ezekiel Bishop appointed an Assessor for Banker Street was interested. Whereupon Samuel Webb was appointed an Assessor in his place

On motion resolved, that a Committee be appointed to ascertain and report to this Board, by whom the money was paid for the purchase of the ground, at the corner of Cherry, Water and Roosevelt Streets and that the Committee be the Alderman and Assistant of the Fourth Ward and the Comptroller

Resolved, that the following gentlemen constitute a committee to give directions respecting the care of the Park viz Mr Lawrence, Aldermen Bingham & Torrey

Resolved, that the Superintendant of repairs, under the direction of the Committee of repairs, cause the wharves at Brooklyn belonging to this Board to be repaired

The Comptroller reported, that the Bond [342] directed at the last meeting of the Board to be issued to Jacob Cholwell as Assignee of a bond given to Miller and Baker had by Mr Cholwell's direction been issued to Charles Dickinson Esqr which was approved of

On motion, Thomas Kehoe was appointed Wood Inspector of the Fifteenth district and Edward Vermillyea Inspector of the Sixteenth district

On motion, resolved, that an agent be appointed to proceed to Albany to take charge of and forward the several bills proposed by this Board to the Legislature and now pending before that Body and that the said agent depart before the next meeting of this Board, if the same shall be deemed advisable by a committee consisting of his Honour the Mayor, Mr Jones & Mr Bogardus. And on motion, Resolved, that Mr Hawes be the agent of this Board for the above purpose

The Committee on the Flag Staff and battery presented the following report,

" That they consider the proper keeping of so elegant and public a walk among the first objects of attention and are persuaded that every care and expence bestowed in this respect will, with the highest approbation, be [343] noticed by the Citizens. Your Committee, therefore, recommend that the Flag Staff be rented to some discreet and proper person for such sum and under such conditions as to protect the walks, grass and trees of the battery from injury and to remove therefrom every nuisance as may seem meet to a committee to be appointed for that purpose"

Signed Peter Mesier
March 5th 1810 Thomas Carpenter
Samuel Jones junr

which was agreed to & entrusted to said committee

The following communication was received from the Commissioners for laying out Canal Street

New York 2d March 1810

Sir,

The Commissioners for opening Canal Street will be obliged, before they can complete the assessment to have the buildings in said street sold, that they may ascertain the amount to be assessed. And they are desirous of knowing from the Corporation what time is to be stipulated for the removal of said obstructions

Samuel Russel
To Chas Dickinson Esqr
Chairman of Canal Come
Wm H. Ireland
Daniel J. Ebbets

P. S. The Commissioners would just observe, that the Court have this day confirmed the verdicts of the juries, and the money must agreeable to the statute be paid or tendered in ninety days

Referred to Committee on Laws & ordinances.

[344] The Comptroller reported Cash in the Treasury	$7383.61
Warrants not presented	580.78
	6802.83

Ordered that the Mayor issue his warrants for payment of the following sums

Lawrance & Van Wart City watch		474.32
Farrington & White	Do	552.72
Goodheart & Hays	Do	643.44
G. N. Bleeker, Deeds & maps for Collect Lots		154.
Roosewell Graves 1 month's salary		56.
Andrew Otterson	Do	48.
Mott Hicks	Do	48.

Wm P. Roome Keeper of Potters Field	28.
Guion Felthousen repg pumps 4th ward	6.50
John H. Sickles Treasr Building Committee	1000.
	$3010.98

[345] In Common Council March 12th 1810

Present Jacob Radcliff Esquire President

Peter Mesier
Thos Carpenter
Charles Dickinson 3d
James Roosevelt
John Bingham
William Torrey
Chas Dickinson 7th
Joseph Watkins
Nicholas Fish
Mangle Minthorne
Esqrs Aldn

Samuel Jones Junr
Auge H. Lawrence
Robt Bogardus
Wm Hooghland
Isaac S. Douglass
Thos Timpson
Edmund Kirby
Wm A. Hardenbrook
John Palmer
Esqrs Assists

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

A petition was received from Henry Aldworth, stating, that he had found, as he believed, a mine, on his land, at Newton Long Island, containing Coal; but that he was prevented from proceeding in digging by water in the Pitt. He, therefore, requested the use of one of the Fire Engines for a few days. Ordered, that it be referred to the Committee on the Fire Department with authority to loan one of the engines for that purpose, if they judge proper.

A representation was received from Benjamin C. Stevenson, Collector of the Eight Ward, stating that the Assessors of that ward in [346] laying the tax of the last year, had mistaken the law, which exempts persons serving in the artillery from tax to the amount of five hundred dollars and had only exempted in case of personal tax, whereas the law extends to real property and requesting the directions of the Common Council in the premises.

Ordered to be referred to the Attorney of the Board

A petition of William Vanck for the stand No 34 in Hudson Market; of Susannah Brookins to sell coffee in Duane Market & of Hannah Anderson to keep a huckster's Stall in the Hudson Market was received and referred to the Market Committee, with authority to grant the petition of the latter, if they thought proper.

A petition was received from sundry inhabitants of Leonard Street, praying additional lamps on said street, which was referred to the Lamp Committee

A petition was received from the Trustees of the Brick Presbyterian Church, requesting a grant of the building occupied by the Kine Pock establishment for the purpose of a Charity School, which was referred to the Committee on Charity.

A remonstrance was received from sundry inhabitants of Spring Street against [347] paving said street. Ordered to be referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the eighth ward and the Street Commissioner

Permission was given to Robert C. Smith to build a vault in front of his lot, Upper end of Broadway, under the direction of the Alderman and Assistant of the Eighth ward and the Street Commissioner

A petition of Peter Stillwell to have charge of the Signal Poles on Staten Island was received & referred to the Comptroller

Petitions were received from the following persons, viz William Elsworth, Alexander Anderson, Cornelius Cooper, Lewis G. Stenburgh and James Sprowles for the office of Inspector of Streets; from James Bramble for an office; from Stephen Rudd and Abraham Hart for overseer of convicts and from Joseph Brass, George Merrit and Benjamin Weeks as Wood Inspectors, which were severally referred to the Committee on applications

A petition of Fire Engine Company N° 4, praying for an additional number of men, in consequence of a larger engine having been assigned to them. Ordered to be referred to the Committee on the Fire department and the Fire Department.

An application from Jasper Ward [348] for a water grant on the East side of Peck Slip was received & referred to the Committee on wharves, slips & piers & the Comptroller.

A communication from Colonel Williams on the subject of a road across the Battery from the arsenal to the works erecting at the Battery was received and referred to the Committee on the Battery viz Alderman, Mesier, Alderman Carpenter and Mr Jones.

A petition from Christian Bergh for a water grant at the foot of Grand Street and adjoining the Slip at the foot of Gouverneur Street was received & referred to the Comptroller and Street Commissioner

His Honour the Mayor laid before the Board a communication, stating, that a bill was now depending before the Legislature for regulating the ferry at Brooklyn, in which the rights of this Corporation were implicated. Ordered that the same be referred to the Committee of Laws and the Ferry Committee, with authority to forward a remonstrance on the subject to the Legislature and to employ counsel in the case, if they deem it expedient

The Market Committee on the petition of [349] William White to sell meat by the quarter in the Upper Hudson Market reported, that, in their opinion, permission ought to be granted on the condition of the petitioners first resigning the stand Nº 5 Duane Market, which he now holds. The said report was agreed to

The Comptroller and Street Commissioner upon the petition of Samuel L. Page reported, that they did not deem it expedient for the Board to comply with the request of Mr Page, which was agreed to

The Committee on assessments, to whom was referred the petitions of Michael M'Gown and John M'Gown reported first on the petition of Michael M'Gown,

"That thirty $^{82}/_{100}$ remain due on the contract for regulating Orange Street from Bayard to Hester Streets. By the Collector's returns, it appears, that this sum was assessed on two vacant lots and remains uncollected. The Committee are, therefore, of opinion, that it ought to be paid out of the Treasury and that the Attorney of the Board and Street Commissioner be authorised to use legal means to collect the same (signed)

March 12th 1810
A. H. Lawrence Chairman
S. Jones Junior

[350] Secondly as to John M'Gown

"That eleven dollars appears to be due the petitioner on the contract for regulating Hester Street from Broadway to Mercer and are of the opinion he ought to be paid"

(signed) A H. Lawrence
S. Jones Junior

Whereupon ordered that the Comptroller report warrants for payment of the same, and that he take necessary steps for recovering the same from the persons by, whom they are due

The Attorney of the Board on the petition of Thomas Anderson, praying remission of a penalty incurred by selling liquor without licence, reported in favour of the petitioner, which was agreed to

The Committee, on the petition of Hector Scott reported, that Mr Amos immediately on the application of the Committee caused, the fences across the street to be removed & that the Street is now opened.

The Committee, to whom was referred the application of Benjamin

Waldron for an exclusive priviledge of fishing and placing Fike nets at Bellevue Dock for the present season, reported,

That, in their opinion, it is not *expedi* [351] expedient to grant the prayer of the petition

1st Because the right of the Corporation to make said grant is by no means clear

2d Because the navigation of the East river would necessarily be somewhat obstructed thereby and lastly because the consideration proposed by the petitioner is too inconsiderable to induce the interference of this Board in the premises

(signed) Nicholas Fish
Wm A. Hardenbrook

which report was confirmed.

Mr Jones from the Committee of Laws and ordinances reported the following amendments to the "Law for the due observance of the Lord's Day called Sunday" passed December 28th 1807

After the word "sale" where it first occurs in the first section of the said law, insert as follows "nor bring or cause to be brought, or be aiding or assisting in or consenting to the bringing into the said city for sale; nor unlade or take; or cause to be unladen or taken or be aiding or assisting in or consenting to the unlading or taking from on board any vessel, boat or craft, or from any waggon, cart or other carriage within the limits of the said [352] City" and after the word "City," at the third occurrence of that word in the said section of the said law, insert these words, to wit "nor carry, drive or convey, or cause to be driven, carried or conveyed, or be aiding or assisting in or consenting to the carrying, driving or conveying out of the said city or from any one part of the said city to any other part thereof (unless in case of necessity) any goods, wares or merchandize, horses, beeves, calves, sheep, hogs or other cattle, or any other thing whatsoever, that shall have been brought into or may be within the said city for the purpose of sale or with an intent to be sold therein"

which amendment was agreed to

John Titus, Isaac Burr and Wynant Van Zandt Junior arbitrators in the case of Peter Schermerhorn Esquire reported the following award viz that "Peter Schermerhorn pay unto the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, the sum of two thousand seven hundred & fifty dollars, when they shall convey unto him the piece of ground within (in the bond of submission) described"

Whereupon the Comptroller was directed to prepare a deed agreeably to the [353] award

On motion, the petitions of Thomas Marsh and Amos Rand to have permission to have Coffee Stands in the Hudson market, which had been referred on the 19th February last to the Market Committee were called up, and permissions were granted to them.

The market Committee presented the following report,

" That your Committee with a view to remove the doubts, which existed as to the policy and propriety of issuing permits to sell coffee in the Hudson and Fly Markets, recently visited said markets and enquired as well from those engaged in, as from those living around the markets, what would probably be the consequence of such a practice

In the first place, we discovered, that the Green women, Fish men, poultry men and small meat butchers daily so throng these markets, as to resemble a crowd, and if even all the permit men already licensed should assemble at the same time, the mob would be such as to render business altogether impracticable. It also appeared from the view of several, who were pointed out as Hucksters or forestallers, that the public are, by these men, most grossly [354] imposed on, and that they with their poultry and meats so illegally procured occupy no inconsiderable portion of these markets. Your Committee further find, that the houses in the neighbourhood of these markets are occupied principally by victuallers, who calculating on the custom to be derived from Market people, have been induced to give very extravagant rents. They have also been at great expence to accommodate themselves comfortably & are well provided with every description of viands and can satisfactorily administer to the wants not only of the fatigued country man; but even to the dainty appetite of the most squeamish. Every thing appears inviting and nice, and the salutary beverage so much applauded for its vivifying efficacy here flows abundantly. The early stirring and often chilled market man can here quaff his ambrosial coffee, at as cheap a rate and with infinitely more comfort. Four cents a pint for coffee and two cents for a muffin is the usual price taken at the stands in the markets; so also in these houses, they sell this as well as every other nourishment at the same reasonable ratio.

Your Committee are, therefore, of opinion, that the applications to sell coffee in these markets now referred to them, ought not only not to be granted; but also that the practice of further encumbering these places [355] should be entirely discontinued; and further recommend, that the Deputy Clerks of the market be directed to demand of every person offering poultry or meat for sale, whom he suspects not entitled, to produce his licence or permit for so doing, and in case of refusal or neglect to produce the same, that then he be authorised to turn the persons so neglecting or refusing, from and out of the said markets."

(signed) Peter Mesier
March 12th 1810 Isaac S. Douglass
Thomas Timpson

which report was confirmed

The Canal committee, to whom the communication of a committee from the inhabitants interested in the assessment to be made by the Commissioners appointed by an act of the legislature of this state relative to the extention of the said assessment beyond the limits of interest, reported, that agreeably to the request contained in the said communication, they had a conference with the Committee from the inhabitants aforesaid and are clearly of opinion, that such aid as is in the power of the Corporation of New York ought to be given to the said inhabitants to mitigate the expence, which will necessarily be imposed upon them under the existing law of the legislature; and two [356] modes for that purpose were proposed by the Committee of the inhabitants—one to petition the legislature for a general tax upon the inhabitants of New York; the other for a lottery to defray part of the expences & thereby lessen the burthen upon those inhabitants

" Your Committee have maturely considered the propositions aforesaid and desirous to recommend the one most likely to succeed, do recommend, that this Board join the said inhabitants in a petition to the Legislature for a lottery, the proceeds of which to be applied towards defraying part of the expense of Canal Street, and thereby mitigate the assessment aforesaid

(signed) Charles Dickinson
Thomas Timpson
John Palmer
Robert Bogardus

which report was agreed to

The City Inspector reported drafts of ordinances from N° 5285 to N° 5305 for correction of nuisances, which were ordered to pass.

A petition of James Perrot to be permitted to occupy a part of Ann Street by placing on it materials for building [was received], which was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the third ward, with authority to grant permission.

[357] The Committee on the Fire Department, to whom was re-

ferred the petition of Fire Engine Company N° 30, reported, that they had purchased an engine from Mr Hardenbrook for the said company and as more men were required to work it, they recommended, that 14 men be added to said company, which was agreed to

The Street Commissioner presented a map of ground belonging to George Janeway Esquire, designating the line between the Corporation Land and said Janeway's, surveyed by Samuel Stillwell & Stephen Ludlum in August last; the former on the part of Mr Janeway and the latter on the part of the Corporation—The map protracted by Mr Ludlum & examined by said Mr Stillwell, which the Street Commissioner delivered as a public document.

Ordered, that the same be accepted as such and filed in the office of the Street Commissioner, which was agreed to.

The report of the committee on the communication of the Comptroller on the subject of the contract for Street manure was called up and being read was as follows.

" That finding by a comparative statement between the project of Superintendant and contractor, the nett profits arising from [358] the Street manure, are in favour of the former system; and also believing, that a Superintendant must feel a greater interest in keeping the city clean, than a contractor ever possibly can, do, therefore, recommend the following resolution.

Resolved, that the law for the sweeping and cleaning of the Streets, passed the 20th March 1809 be and the same is hereby repealed, and that the law " for the appointment of a Superintendant of streets " passed 11th January 1808, be and the same is hereby re-enacted."

(signed) Peter Mesier
March 5th 1810 Thomas Carpenter
William Hoghland.

which report was agreed to and the said ordinance was re-enacted.

It was then moved, that the Board proceed to appoint a Superintendant of streets, which was agreed to and on the ballots being counted, it appeared, that the votes were for

Stephen Hitchcock	9 votes
Walters Furman	8 votes

Whereupon Stephen Hitchcock was declared duly appointed Superintendant of Streets

Sundry accounts of expences of the Jurors in the late trial of the people vs. Wakely were received and referred to Mr Lawrence Alderman Mesier Mr Jones

[359] The Street Commissioner reported, that agreeably to the order of the Board, ten thousand loads of earth had been carted into the Collect and he recommended, that the like number be ordered to be filled into it—which was agreed to

The ordinances presented by the Street Commissioner on the 26th day of February last for digging out and regulating Elm Street from Grand to Broome Streets and for regulating and paving Spring Street from Broadway to Greenwich Street were called up and passed—and Christopher Beakley, John P. Ritter, George Cleland, Ebenezer Clark and Benjamin Sands were appointed assessors. The ordinance for paving the South side of Albany Basin was also called up & passed, and Daniel Smith, Garret Storm, James W. Lent, Benjamin Stephens & John Nitchie junior were appointed assessors.

The Street Commissioner, to whom the petition of Thomas A. Emmett was referred, presented to the Board on the 19th February a map and remarks made by William Bridges City Surveyor relative to the subject, as contained in the following letter

New York February 1st 1810

Mr Stilwell

Agreeable to your request, I have [360] made the survey of Mr Emmetts and the adjacent lots on the West side of the Middle Road near Dr Hosacks Botannic garden and find that the Stone fence at the North end of the said garden is thirteen feet three inches on the Middle Road and the said fences continue from thence to Mr Emmett's North side, where it is right as to the line of the said road & having surveyed from Steuben Street up to Harsen's Road I find a surplus of about six feet and that Doctor Hosack's North fence is two feet six inches North of the true line, according to the original map and that being near the proportion of the surplus according to its situation, I have taken the center of that wall for a base line to measure from and have staked out the several and respective lots as marked in the map made thereof

(signed) William Bridges

which having been referred to the Road Committee, they this day reported " That in their opinion, the survey ought to be approved of so far as it respects the place of beginning, which is the center of the wall on the North side of Dr Hosack's Botannic garden," which report was agreed to.

The Street Commissioner represented, that Jacob Sherred declined serving as assessor for opening Walker Street; whereupon Abraham

[361] Russel was appointed in his stead. He also stated, that William Chevis declined serving as Assessor for Green Street; whereupon Benjamin Sands was appointed assessor in his place

The Street Commissioner and Comptroller, to whom was referred the petition of Archibald Smith for payment of a balance for regulating and paving North Moore Street reported, that the facts stated in the petition are true; and as the collection of the money from Ann Vandenburgh had been suspended by the Board until the first of June next being fifty eight $^{31}/_{100}$ dollars, the precise sum due to the said petitioner, they could see no propriety in procrastinating the payment to Archibald Smith and recommend a warrant accordingly:

Whereupon the Comptroller was directed to report a warrant for payment of the same

The Street Commissioner, to whom was referred the petition of Uzel W. Freeman to be appointed a City surveyor reported in his favour; whereupon the said Uzel Freeman was appointed a City surveyor.

The Street Commissioner presented a communication from Peter A. Jay Esquire [362] stating, that if a deed of cession to the corporation were prepared for ceding the streets through the land of Messieurs Jay and Munroe, (excepting Canal Street) it would be immediately executed. The same was ordered to be referred to the Comptroller

The Street Commissioner presented an assessment for opening Collect Street, which was ordered to be published in the papers employed by the Board

The Street Commissioner on the petition of William Brown respecting Collect tickets, which he held, reported as his opinion, that the petitioner was entitled to payment. Whereupon ordered, that the Comptroller report a warrant for twenty seven dollars $^{90}/_{100}$ in payment of the same

On motion, resolved, " Whereas information has been given to this Board, that some person or persons are making preparations to sink a block at or near the foot of Walnut Street in the Seventh ward of this city and in water reserved for a slip: therefore Resolved, that the Street Commissioner take immediate measures to prevent the same from being carried into effect.

[363] On motion, Resolved that the Committee on Laws and ordinances be directed to revise and cause to be printed the Laws and ordinances of this corporation and such of the laws of the State as relate to the City of New York

Resolved that the Committee of repairs direct the Superintendant of repairs to cause a shed to be erected over the floating Engine

On motion resolved, that the Comptroller call upon the late Street Commissioner John S. Hunn and the late Attorney of the Board Samuel Cowdrey Esquire for an immediate settlement of their accounts with this Corporation

Resolved, that William Baker have permission to construct vaults in front of his lots in Bayard and in Pell Streets under the direction of the Aldermen & Assistants of the wards, in which those streets lie and of the Street Commissioner

The following was presented Resolved, that John H. Sickles be removed from the office of Treasurer to the Building Committee—On motion the consideration of the same was postponed to the [364] next meeting of the Board.

The Comptroller reported Cash in the Treasury	11.364.10	
Warrants not presented	54.50	
		11.309.60

Accounts audited

Isaac Auld lighting lamps &c	1402. 4	
John D. B. Varick. Int: on bond	560.	
John A. Crolius Inspector of bread	97.60	
Burtis and Woodward repairing chair for the Alms House	49.51	
		2,109.15
Balance in the Treasury		$9.200.45

[365] In Common Council March 19th 1810

Present Jacob Radcliff Esqr President
John Bingham Esqr Deputy Mayor

Peter Mesier
Thomas Carpenter
James Roosevelt
William Torrey
Chas Dickinson 7th
Joseph Watkins
Mangle Minthorne
Esqrs Aldermen

Samuel Jones Junior
Auge H. Lawrence
Robt Bogardus
Wm Hoghland
Isaac S. Douglass
Thomas Timpson
Edmund Kirby
W. A. Hardenbrook
John Palmer
Esqrs Assistants.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

A request from Richards & Upson to construct a vault in Wall Street and from Peter Hoffmire for the same privilege in Chamber Street opposite the respective buildings of the petitioners were received and granted under the direction of the Aldermen & Assistants of the wards respectively and of the Street Commissioner

A petition of Peter Hoffmire, praying payment of the balance due to him for ground taken for opening Walker Street was received and the Comptroller was directed to report a warrant for payment of the same

[366] A Letter was received from Samuel L. Page Junior on the subject of his debt to the Corporation, which was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Eight ward and the Comptroller

A petition of the Inhabitants of Grand Street, praying, that it may be regulated between Pitt and Corlaer's Streets was received and referred to the Street Commissioner

A representation of Mr De Longemarre, stating, that the cellar of his house in Broad Street was filled with water, in consequence of the stoppage of the main drain in said street was received & referred to the Superintendant of repairs, with directions to remedy the inconveniece complained of

A petition from the Inhabitants of Elm, Magazine and Duane Streets was received remonstrating against a furnace, which was erecting in the centre of the Block, formed by these streets—which was referred to the Attorney of the Board

A communication from sundry inhabitants was received, stating, that they were well acquainted with James Savage, present Wood Inspector at George and Charlotte Slips; that he sustained a good character and [367] is a worthy man now in years and worthy to be continued in office, and that they deem it extremely hard to remove him, as he had paid to William Crum fifty dollars to divide the profits of the above & Rutgers Slip.

The Committee, to whom the memorial against the said James Savage had been committed then presented their report, by which they begged leave to submit the consideration of the same to the Board.

Alderman Mesier then moved that the said James Savage and William Crum be removed from their several offices of Wood Inspector. The question having been taken thereon, and a division having been called by Mr Hoghland, which was seconded by Alderman Mesier, it was carried in the affirmative in the manner following

Affirmative	Negative
Aldn Mesier	Aldn Roosevelt
Carpenter	Bingham
Dickinson 7th	Torrey
Watkins	Minthorne
Mr Jones	Mr Hoghland
Lawrence	Timpson
Douglass	Palmer
Kirby	7
Hardenbrook 9	

It was then moved, that the Board proceed to fill the vacancies occasioned by said removals which having been agreed to and the ballots having been counted, it appeared, that

[368] Benjamin Weeks had	10 votes
John Covert	10 votes
James Savage	6 votes
William Crum	6 votes

Whereupon Benjamin Weeks & John Covert were declared duly appointed Wood Inspectors

It was on motion resolved, that the said Benjamin Weeks and John Covert hold the two districts jointly between them.

A petition was received from Henry Hart, stating, that he had purchased of James Nesbitt, the lease of lot No 73 Chatham Street, on which rent was due to the Corporation; that he was about making improvements on the premises &, therefore, requested an indulgence of six months from the first of May next for payment of said arrears of rent. Ordered to be referred to the Comptroller

A petition of Cornelius King junr for a butcher's licence and for the stand No 46 in the Fly Market now held by David Johnson, who was willing to relinquish the same was received and referred to the Market Committee

A petition from David D. Crane to be appointed a measurer of grain &c and from Jacob Morrison to be appointed to an office under the Inspector of Streets were referred to the Committee on applications.

The following Communication was received from the Commissioners for opening Canal Street

[369] Office of Commissioners for opening
Canal Street March 18th 1810

Sir,

The Commissioners for laying out Canal Street have relinquished the right of soil to all the ground wanted for that street, except that of Messieurs Jay and Munroe and Dominick Lynch

The Commissioners were informed on their coming into office, that those gentlemen had agreed to cede what ground was wanted of them respectively for the use of Canal Street, on conditions, that they should be exempted from assessment for the expence of opening said street, & the Commissioners took an early opportunity of waiting on those gentlemen and received from them a confirmation of the same, and that they were ready, at any time, to execute the deeds of cession conformably thereto. The Commissioners, therefore, presented a draft of a deed of cession for the ground wanted of Messieurs Jay & Munroe to M^r^ Munroe and received for answer, that he approved of the deed and would execute the same; but that he had [370] made the bargain with the Corporation, and that he esteemed himself bound to them and they to him; of course the whole must be finished with them and declined for the above stated reasons doing any thing with the Commissioners

M^{r} Lynch expects to comply with and execute the same terms as M^{r} Jay and Munroe

The Commissioners are very desirous the above cession should be executed, as it is impossible for them to make a finish of the duties assigned them without having a cession of this ground or taking the same by the award of a jury; and if the Commissioners are compelled to resort to the last mentioned mode of obtaining the ground, it will be productive of great and truly an unfortunate delay.

The Commissioners have, therefore, to request your Honour to lay the same before the Board, that they may take such order on the same as they may judge expedient

Signed Samuel Russel
Honourable Jacob Radcliff } William H. Ireland
Mayor of the City New York } Daniel J. Ebbits

Ordered to be referred to the Canal Committee. It was also ordered, that the Canal [371] Committee be intrusted to inform the Commissioners for Canal Street, that the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of this city will accept that cession and grant, which may be made by any person or persons of any ground for the purpose of forming and opening Canal Street

A Communication was received from Samuel Cowdrey Esq^{r} informing, that he had received notice of trial in the cause of De la Montagne vs. Clarkson for the sittings. This suit was brought to try the right of the Corporation to fill in the Slip at the foot of Vesey Street. Ordered, that the same be referred to the Attorney of the Board

A memorial was received from a number of inhabitants, recommending that the Law for cleaning the streets may be so altered as that the city may be divided into two districts and that a Superintendant of streets may be appointed for each district. Ordered, that the same be referred to M^r^ Jones M^r^ Palmer Alderman Watkins

The Comptroller presented a bond to be executed by Stephen Hitchcock for his faithful discharge of duty as Superintendant of streets, stating also, that M^r^ Hitchcock offered as his sureties Robert Bowne and Edward Hitchcock

[372] Ordered, that the same be referred to the preceding Committee

A petition from certain inhabitants of Hudson Street and the vicinity, praying that Hudson Street may be opened from Hetty to Clarkson Street, and a petition from the inhabitants of DeLancy Street praying that said street may be regulated and paved from the Bowery to Norfolk Street were received & referred to the Street Committee & Street Commissioner

A proposal from Higgins & Park to fill in the Corporation Lots at Peck Slip was received and referred to the Street Commissioner.

The following person was appointed Fireman, the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancy.

Fire Engine Company N° 31

John Stratton house carpenter Church Street v. P. Hoffmire resigned

The City Inspector reported drafts of ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances, from N° 5306 to N° 5329 inclusive which were passed.

The Market Committee reported on the petition of William Vanck for the Stand N° 34 Hudson Market, that Henry Spicer the present occupant having without any compensation agreed to relinquish the same and the applicant sustaining a good character, they *re* [373] recommend, that the prayer of the petition be granted, which was agreed to

The Lamp Committee, to whom was referred the communication of Alexander Andrews offering to this board for their inspection an *improved reflector and burner for the use of the said lamps reported

" That they have applied the Lens (furnished by M^r^ Andrews) to three Lamps, which have been lighted for several nights and they are disposed to think well of them; but not having a sufficient number of reflectors to make a fair trial and believing, that some improvement in lighting this populous city is of great importance, to the public, recommend to this Board to empower Mr Andrews to import nine hundred lens, which will be sufficient to make trial on three hundred lamps, the expence of which will not, as they are informed be more than five hundred & seventy dollars; one half of which Mr Andrews will meet, should they ultimately be disapproved of. As only one wick will be required, a considerable saving might be made in the oil.

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* Marginal note reads *See page 330.*—ED.

William Torrey
signed Thomas Carpenter
James Roosevelt

which report was agreed to.

The Attorney of the Board, to whom the [374] petition of Benjamin C. Stevenson Collector of the Eight ward was referred, presented a report, which was referred to the Committee on laws and ordinances.

The Committee, to whom was referred the petition of Jasper Ward, praying for a grant of the ground in his occupation on the East side of Peck Slip reported,

" That James Roosevelt was entitled to a grant from Front Street on the East side of Peck Slip to South Street—that he has sold fifty four feet of his right to Messieurs Jacob Mott and William Cook and the remainder to Jasper Ward as by reference to a map herewith presented may be seen

" That it is the opinion of the Committee that a grant ought to be made of fifty four feet along Peck Slip to James Roosevelt and of the remaining eighty eight feet to South Street to the said James Roosevelt or his assignee Jasper Ward on the same terms on their paying to the Corporation their several proportions of quit rent due and become due "

Edmund Kirby
March 19th 1810 signed S. Jones Junior
G. N. Bleeker Comptr

which report was agreed to

The Comptroller made a communication on the subject of the matters in difference between [375] the Corporation and George Janeway, which was directed to lie till the next meeting of the Board.

The Street Commissioner presented an assessment of the expences of the improvements made between George, Cheapside & Lombardy Streets, which was directed to be published in the papers employed by the Board

The Street Commissioner presented ordinances for assessing the expences in making the sewer in Roosevelt Street and also for paving the streets round Hudson Square together with a list of Assessors, which were ordered to lie till the next meeting of the Board

Ordered, that the Comptroller report a warrant to Thurston Wood for the sum of forty dollars in payment of auction fees on sale of twenty lots at the Collect on the 1st day of November last

The Comptroller presented a grant to Nicholas W. Stuyvesant for a water lot in front of his property between Stuyvesant Street and Nicholas William Street, which was ordered to be duly executed.

The Street Commissioner stated, that Mr Steenbeck declined acting as Assessor for Walker Street; whereupon Ebenezer Clark was appointed in his place

[376] On motion, resolved, that "the law for the due observance of the Lord's Day called Sunday" be published in hand bills as usual, and also that the third section of the said law be published in a separate hand bill & posted up in suitable parts of the city.

On motion resolved, that the Ferry Committee be directed to enquire into the situation of the Ferry at Hell Gate and report at the next meeting of the Board.

On motion resolved, that the Committee on Laws and ordinances be requested to report an ordinance restraining the hawking & peddling of tin ware within this city.

The Comptroller reported Cash in the Treasury	$11.206.95
Warrants not presented	6.50
	$11.200.45

Ordered, that his Honour the Mayor issue his warrants for the payment of the following sums

[377] Lawrance & Van Wart	City Watch	$474.32
Farrington & White	Do	552.72
Goodheart and Hays	Do	643.44
Jacob P. Roome Superintendant of repairs 1 Quarter's Salary		154.
John Nitchie junr for assessment Beaver Street drain		12.50
John C. Krapft Surveying Do		8.49
Thomas Smyth blacksmith's work for Flag Staff		62.94
Wm Brown for Collect tickets about two years ago		27.90
Archibald Smith, Balance on North Moore Street		58.31
John M'Coun Do on Hester Street		11.
Michael M'Cown Do Orange Street		30.82
		2036.44

Applications

Richard Furman Superintendant of Alms House	4000	
Samuel Stilwell Street Commissioner for Collect	400	
		4400.
		$6,436.44

[378] In Common Council March 26th 1810

Present Jacob Radcliff Esqr Mayor President
John Bingham Esqr Deputy Mayor

Peter Mesier	Esqrs Aldermen	Samuel Jones junr	Esqrs Assistants
Thomas Carpenter		Augus: H. Lawrence	
Charles Dickinson 3d		Wm Hoghland	
William Torrey		Edmund Kirby	
Charles Dickinson 7th		Wm A. Hardenbrook	
Joseph Watkins		John Palmer	
Mangle Minthorne			

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Josiah Ogden Hoffman Esquire, who had been appointed by the Honourable the Council of Appointment, Recorder of this city appeared and took his seat at the Board.

Mr Hawes presented to the Board certified copies of the "Act to enable the Corporation of the city of New York to raise money by tax" passed 10th March 1810. and of an "Act for granting to and vesting in the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York the office of Clerk of the Market within the said city and for other purposes" passed 14th March 1810, which were directed to be filed.

The Comptroller stated Cash in the Treasury	$6339.42
Warrants not presented	19.
	$6320.40

[379] Ordered, that his Honour the Mayor issue his warrants for payment of the following sums

Peter Hawes Esqr expences & disbursements to Albany on Corporation business	$40.
Peter Mesier Esqr expences for refreshments in Steam boat on experiment	4.
Beekman & Bogart for Carriage hire	14.
Thurston Wood for selling 20 lots of ground near the Collect	40.
Jacob P. Roome Superintendant of Repairs to pay workmen	250.
	$348.

The Common Council having been invited to attend the funeral of Mrs Roosevelt, wife of James Roosevelt Esqr Aldn of the Fourth Ward adjourned for that purpose, and agreed to meet to morrow afternoon at 4 o'clock

[380] In Common Council March 27th 1810

Present Jacob Radcliff Esqr Mayor President
Josiah Ogden Hoffman Esqr Recorder
John Bingham Esqr Deputy Mayor.

Peter Mesier
Thomas Carpenter
Chas Dickinson 3d
Wm Torrey
Chas Dickinson 7th
Joseph Watkins
Mangle Minthorne
Esqrs Aldermen

Saml Jones junr
Peter Hawes
Aug: H. Lawrence
Robt Bogardus
Wm Hoghland
Isaac S. Douglass
Wm Timpson
Edmund Kirby
Wm A. Hardenbrook
John Palmer
Esqs Assistants

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

His Honour the Mayor informed the Board, that a vacancy having occurred in the representation of the house of Representatives of the Congress of the United States from the Congressional district of which this city forms a part, by the resignation of William Denning Esquire, his Excellency the Governor had, agreeably to law, issued his proclamation announcing such vacancy and directing an election to fill such vacancy to be held on the last Tuesday in April next, being the day of the General Election; that the following difficulty occurred, which [381] was not provided against in the law. The Sherriff, who received notice of the proclamation on the 20th instant is bound within eight days after the receipt of such copy to give notice of the same to one of the Inspectors of the Election. The election is, by law, to be holden by the same persons, who are appointed Inspectors of the General Election; but the Common Council are limited to the appointment of such Inspectors to some day between the 1st & 10th day of April. Of course, no Inspectors can be appointed, upon whom the Sherriff can serve notice of the election. His Honour, therefore recommended, that application should be made to the Legislature, who were still in session, to remedy the present evil and to provide against it in future. Which was agreed to & the Committee on Laws & ordinances were requested to prepare a bill on the subject, which the Clerk was directed to engross & the Mayor to forward immediately.

His Honour the Mayor also laid before the Board a letter, which he had received from Governor Tompkins, stating, that application having been made to him through the Navy Department of the United States for the cessions of the title and jurisdiction of a flat in the Wallabout Bay opposite the Navy Yard, he had thought it his duty to call a meeting of the Commissioners (of whom the Mayor, for the [382] time being was one) at Albany on the 2ᵈ day of April next, to take the same into consideration: And as by such cession, the rights of the Corporation might be affected, the Mayor said he thought it his duty to communicate the information to the Board. Whereupon ordered, that the same be referred to his Honour the Mayor & his Honour the Recorder with authority to take such steps, as they might judge necessary.

A request was received from James Nesbitt to be permitted to assign the lease of Nº 73 Chatham Street to Henry Hart, which was referred to the Comptroller

The petition of William G. Hopper an Artilerist praying to be relieved against a tax, improperly laid upon him was received and referred to the Committee on Laws & ordinances

A request of Mʳˢ Glover to be permitted to occupy part of Cedar Street with materials, while building a house there, was granted under the direction of the Alderman and Assistant of the Third ward and the Street Commissioner

A petition of Edmund Harris to have an oyster stand in front of the City Hall was received. Ordered, that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition

A representation was received from Mʳ Dominick Lynch, stating that he had been improperly assessed for opening Collect Street, which was referred to the Street Commissioner

[383] A petition from Fire Engine Company Nº 1. praying for an addition of four men, to be attached to the Company was received and referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

A petition from Patrick M'Kay was received, stating, that at the sales of the Inclenbergh Lots he was a purchaser; that the conditions of sale were that roads should be opened through the Land; that this had not been done & he was prevented from improving his property. He, therefore, requested, that the Board would either comply with their agreement, or return him the purchase money. Ordered to be referred to Mʳ Jones Mʳ Bogardus & Alderman Fish

A petition from Catharine Gallagher to lease a lot belonging to the

Corporation at the corner of Elm and Leonard Streets was referred to the Comptroller

A petition of Edward, Henry, Benjamin, William & Maria Laight for a water grant in front of their property at Corlaer's Hook was received & referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the Seventh ward, the Comptroller and Street Commissioner

A petition of the Inhabitants of Magazine Street, complaining of an encroachment on said street by George Janeway was received and referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the Sixth ward and the Street Commissioner

[384] A request was received from the Commissioners of Canal Street for an advance of One thousand dollars. Ordered, that the Comptroller report a warrant for the same, at the next meeting of the Board

Permission was given to Archibald Gracie to erect a lime house & to construct a vault at the corner of Bridge Street & State Street; and the like permission was requested by Jos: Icard, who is building near the hospital. The same was granted to be constructed, under the direction of the Aldermen & Assistants of the respective wards & the Street Commissioner

The following applications for appointments were received viz for Assistant in Street Department, Cornelius Van Allen, Adam Bergh, Daniel Canscriff, Jacob Morrison and Charles Farrington

For Sweeper of the Markets, James Lyons, John Avery, Joseph Hall, Joseph Pellum, John Cross, George Johnston & Henry Singer

For Keeper of Potter's Field, Arthur Burchill & John Main

For Clerk of Fly Market, Leonard Rogers, Garrit Hyer, John Michael, John Minuse, Isaac Trowbridge, John K. Floor, Thomas Russel, John White William Ruckle

For Driver of Bell Cart John Evans all of which petitions were referred to the Com- [385] mittee on applications

A petition was received from Anne Bard, praying remission of a fine imposed on her husband for selling liquor without licence & was referred to the Attorney of the Board

A petition of Ephraim L. Whitlock to be appointed a measurer of Lumber was received and he was appointed as such

A petition of William Crum praying to be reinstated as an Inspector of wood was received & referred to M^r Bogardus, M^r Hoghland & M^r Kirby

The Attorney of the Board laid before them a deed from Peter

Hoffmire for certain ground, taken to open Walker Street, which was referred to the Committee on laws & ordinances.

The City Inspector reported drafts of ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances from No 5330 to No 5360 inclusive, which were passed

The following persons were appointed firemen, the Chief Engineer certifying corresponding vacancies

Fire Company No 21

Philip W. Eng, accountant No 222 William Street 2d ward v. John M'Gregor resigned

Fire Company No 29

Peter Smith Cartman Greenwich Street, Eighth [386] ward v. Peter Wanmaker removed

Engine Company No 16

John Vreeland merchant Broadway 3d ward v. Andrew Maverick resigned

Floating Engine Company

Abraham Quick Coach painter, Chesnut St 4th ward v. Joseph J Dorset resigned

Engine Company No 25

Peter Roe, grocer, corner Barclay & Greenwich Streets 3d ward. v. Israel Knapp resigned

Samuel Underhill Cabinet Maker, John & Gold Streets 2d ward v. James W. Hawxhurst resigned

Sears Hatch Hatter 41 Chatham St 4th ward v. Christian Heyle resigned

David S. Skaats Coach painter 120 Church Street 5th ward v. Benjamin F. Boyd resigned

Engine Company No 30.

John Henry, ropemaker Grand St	10th ward
Samuel Huestis Shoemaker 38 Harman St	7th Do
George Crawford Do Elizabeth St	8th Do
Benjamin Lawrance Do Do	8th Do
Cornelius Henley Cartman Hester St	10th Do
Henry Gildersleeve Grocer Do	10th Do
Wm B. Mott, Shoemaker Broome & Second Sts	10th Do
Wm Gray, ropemaker Second St	10th Do
John Watson Do Third St	10th Do

John E. Ayres Taylor, Sixth St	10th ward
Gilbert Platt cartman Do	10th Do
William Spuodell Tanner Crosby St	8th Do
Blaze Ten Brook, butcher, Bowery Lane	8th Do
[387] Benjamin Harrington grocer Hester St	8th Do

The preceding fourteen persons are additional members to the Engine Company No 30

His Honour the Mayor stated to the Board, that some regulation or ordinance was necessary, respecting the sealing of weights & measures, Whereupon the subject was referred to his Honour the Mayor Alderman Mesier [&] Bingham

Captain George Goodheart reported, that John Shepherd & Daniel Williams, two of his watchmen had resigned and he recommended James Smith & William Harrison in their places, which was referred to the Watch Committee

The Committee, to whom the report of the Street Commissioner on the petition for opening Washington Street was referred, reported, that they concurred in opinion with the Street Commissioner, as is expressed in his report, & that they recommend, that he take the proper measures to have Washington Street opened from Jay to Hubert Street and to remove all obstructions to the same, except the two buildings on leased ground, which the Committee recommend to be suffered to stand, until the said leases *ex* [388] expire

Peter Hawes
(signed) John Palmer
Joseph Watkins

which was confirmed

The following is the report of the Street Commissioner alluded to in the above report

" The Street Commissioner, to whom was referred the petition for opening Washington Street from Jay to Hubert Street has the honour to report,

That he has caused a map, to be made, which is herewith presented to the Board, shewing the obstructions in the street, by which it appears, that there are no buildings in the street, excepting those, on the westerly side, which were built on the line of the street, when it was intended to be fifty feet wide. The Street has since been laid out sixty feet wide, which causes them now to stand ten feet in the street. But two of them being on a lease, which has but a short time unexpired, by the conditions of which the buildings are to be removed.

The Street Commissioner thinks it advisable, that the buildings be suffered to stand until the leases expire. The other leases are vacant ground and all from the Corporation of Trinity Church. That part marked Skid- [389] more and Corning 87½ feet by 60 feet is fee simple and also that marked Smith 10 feet by 76

all which is respectfully submitted

Feb^y^ 19th 1810 Samuel Stilwell

The Comptroller presented the following

"The Comptroller respectfully reports, that agreeably to the report of the Finance Committee, and which was confirmed by the Board the 5th instant. Peter Lorrilard has surrendered the lease of Lots N° 7 and 8 and the rear half of Lots N° 9 and 10 on the West side of Chatham Street, which would expire on the 1st of May 1813, and in consideration thereof, he is to receive an addition to his present lease on N° 5 in the same street, now rented for 200 dollars per annum, which will expire on the 1st of May 1828; for the term of 12 years after at the rate of \$12 $^{50}/_{100}$ per annum

As these lots are now unproductive, the Subscriber respectfully recommends, that they be advertised to be leased at public auction, in the following manner.

N° 7 for the term of 21 years & Lot N° 8 and the rear of N° 9 & 10 for 16 years, [390] from 1st May next; the front part of the two last mentioned lots having the same number of years unexpired. The lots N° 7 and 8 to be subject to the usual restrictions and conditions

Agreeably to a report of a committee and which was confirmed by the Board the 14th September 1807, it was considered "a fixed rule for the Comptroller, to lease till otherwise directed by the Board, all such lots as the leases thereof shall expire on the South East side of Chatham Street, at the yearly rent of two hundred & fifty dollars generally; and on the North West side of said street from the arsenal to Barley Street, at the yearly rent of two hundred dollars."

Should the Board think proper to authorise the sale as above proposed, it will be advertised accordingly.

(signed) G. N. Bleecker Compt^r^

which report was confirmed & the Comptroller directed to lease the said lots at public auction.

The Comptroller presented a lease to Peter Lorillard, agreeably to the former directions of the Board, which was referred for examination to the Recorder

The Attorney presented the following.

The attorney of the Board, to whom was referred the letter of the late Attorney [391] of the Board, in relation to the suit brought against Clarkson by Delamontagnie as the Collector appointed by this Board on the assessment made at the foot of Vesey Street begs leave to report, That the proprietors of property in the neighbourhood of Vesey Street having been assessed for the expence in filling up and extending the slip and pier, at the foot of the said street, refused to comply, denying the authority of this board to impose such assessment. A suit was accordingly instituted against Clarkson to ascertain the right. It appears, that the only question to be determined is a question of law, and for which the Judges are the proper tribunal. I would, therefore, recommend to have a case made containing all the facts arising in the cause & have them submitted to the Supreme Court, at their next term, in this city and that M^r Cowdrey having the charge of the cause be directed by this Board to make such an arrangement with the proprietors or their attorney as will tend to the attainment of this object with the least possible expence

March 26th 1810 (signed) Isaac A. Van Hook

which was agreed to. It was further resolved, [392] that Josiah O. Hoffman Esq^r be retained as Council of the Board in said cause

The Attorney presented the following

The Attorney, to whom was referred the remonstrance of the owners and occupants of property situate in Duane Elm & Magazine Streets, praying the interference of the board to prevent a furnace from being erected in the centre of the block adjacent to these streets, begs leave to report, That he cannot discover any authority this Board have to interfere in the premises, unless the same is derived under and by virtue of an act of the Legislature giving to the Corporation certain additional powers in relation to the police and health of the city passed the 2^d day of April 1806; and if any power is given by that act, it might be, by a forced construction of it and not otherwise. He is of opinion, therefore, that the only remedy the parties complaining have, should the building become offensive, after it is erected will be to present the same for the consideration of a Grand Jury and, by that means, will be brought before a proper tribunal, and if found to be a nuisance will be abated

(signed) Isaac A. Van Hook

which was ordered to be filed

The Attorney of the Board presented the award of the referees in the case of DeGroodt, [393] which was as follows. " We do award, arbitrate and determine by these presents, First, that the said the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the city of New York do pay to the said Richard L DeGroodt for his work, labour and services as a Ship Carpenter in and about the making and erecting a Flag Staff on the Battery in the said city of New York, the sum of four hundred and thirty two dollars and fifty one and an half cents. Second, That the said the Mayor, Aldermen & Commonalty of the City of New York do pay to the said Richard L. DeGroodt, the further sum of three hundred & twenty Dollars, being the amount for the work, labour and services of riggers employed in and about the taking out the Old and putting in the new Flag Staff, at the place aforesaid, which said several sums in the whole, amount to seven hundred and fifty two dollars and fifty one and a half cents.

Thirdly. We award, that the said the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, do pay to the said Richard L DeGroodt the said sum of Seven hundred and fifty two dollars & fifty one cents and an half within Ten days from the date of this award.

Fourth, That the said Richard L. DeGroodt upon the receipt of the said sum of Seven hundred and fifty two dollars & fifty one & an half cents above named to deliver up to [394] *to* the said Mayor, Aldermen & Commonalty of the City of New York to be cancelled a certain bond bearing date the seventh day of March in the year of our Lord, One thousand eight hundred and ten

Fifth. We do award, that the said Richard L. DeGroodt and the said the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, on the payment and receipt of the said several sums of money, shall execute each to the other sufficient acquittances from all demands and controversies whatsoever touching the premises from the beginning" &c

Dated 26th day of March 1810 Noah Brown
Wm Adams
(Signed) George James
James Forrest
Mathew Daniel

Ordered, that a warrant issue immediately for payment of the award & that the Attorney of the Board see, that the releases are duly prepared & executed.

The Committee, to whom was referred the remonstrance of Jacob Cholwell respecting a settlement of his accounts as Contractor for lamps, reported as their opinion, that the best method of settlement would be by leaving it to Referees; which was agreed to and the same committee authorised to appoint a referee on the part of this Board

The Street Commissioner presented [395] an ordinance for regulating Grand Street from Suffolk to Goerck Street, which was passed.

The Street Commissioner presented the following, on the subject of opening Lispenard Street.

" By an ordinance for opening Lispenard Street to Broad Way, the Street Commissioner was directed to treat with the proprietors of the ground to be taken for that purpose.

In conformity to the ordinance, the Street Commissioner has proceeded to obtain from the proprietors, the price of this ground and buildings amounting to seventeen thousand dollars

The Street Commissioner can see no public advantage to be derived by opening this street, and, in his opinion, the benefit to be derived from such a measure to individuals would not amount to half the expence. He, therefore, would recommend a repeal of the ordinance

Signed Samuel Stilwell

which was agreed to

The Street Commissioner reported, that having consulted the Committee, to whom was referred the petitions for and against paving Spring Street from Broadway to the Bowery, he again presented an ordinance for [396] paving said Street. Ordered, that the ordinance pass. The appointment of assessors was postponed till next meeting of the Board.

The Street Commissioner presented returns of the Collectors of the delinquents upon the assessments for Cherry & Water Streets. Ordered, that warrants issue for the collections of the sums due

The Street Commissioner returned the assessment for Lombardy Park, which had been published agreeably to the order of the board, and against which he had received no objections. Whereupon said assessment was confirmed and Arunnah R. Martin was appointed Collector

The Street Commissioner presented objections against the assessment on Collect Street from Cornelius J. Bogart, Mathew Bolmer, Philip J. Arcularius, Eleazar Little Tobias Hoffman, George Janeway & Jacob Lorillard. Ordered, that the said assessment together with the objections be referred back to the assessors for their further consideration

The Ferry Committee presented the following report,

" That they have visited Horne's Hook Ferry and find, that the Lessee has raised the wharf agreeable to contract & that he is still engaged in blowing the rock out of [397] the road. Considerable, however remains to be done, before the whole is accomplished. The Committee have pressed the absolute necessity on the Lessee of proceeding with all possible expedition to finish the work he has to do, that the road & wharf may be convenient and easy to the Traveller.

The Committee beg leave further to report, That they in the plainest and most express manner told the Lessee, that the Corporation are determined to have the house & ferry kept in good order for the accommodation of the publick, all of which he has promised to comply with.

The Committee beg leave further to report, that they crossed over to Long Island & viewed the place contemplated for a landing & were of opinion, that they ought to defer the purchase at present. The Committee, however, intend to embrace the earliest opportunity to accomplish this object

signed Thomas Carpenter
William Hoghland

which was ordered to be filed

The Committee on assessments on the petition of James Douglass, John Dow and James Paxton, praying for a balance due for Curb Stone furnished by them for Rivington and Rynder Streets reported,

[398] That fifty dollars is due to the petitioners on Rivington Street & fourteen $^{27}/_{100}$ dollars on Rynders Street, according to the statement of the late Street Commissioner

It appears, that William Dustan was Collector of both these assessments and that fifty dollars is due from him on Rivington Street, and that thirty four $^{27}/_{100}$ stands charged to him on Rynder Street, twenty dollars of which, it appears, has been received by Mr Hunn, the late Street Commissioner, which appears not to have been accounted for

Your Committee are, therefore, of *of* opinion, that the prayer of the petitioners ought to be granted; and that Mr Hunn & Mr Dustan be called on, and the money demanded from them, which is due in this report "

A H. Lawrence Chrn
signed Peter Hawes
Charles Dickinson

which was confirmed and the Comptroller directed to report a warrant for payment of the same

The Committee to whom was referred the accounts of the expences &c of Jurors & officers on the trial of Charles Wakeley reported, that they have had the same under their consideration, and although they are satisfied, that no such account or demand is by law recoverable against the Corporation, yet they find, that [399] instances have occurred, in which charges have been allowed and paid by the Common Council, And it appears, that in this particular case, the judges who presided at trial and the Council or some of them gave the jury and officers assurances, that an allowance would be made to them by the Corporation of the city for their great expences and long attendance. These considerations induce your committee to recommend, a reasonable allowance for the expences and services of the Jurors & Officers on this occasion, though the Committee cannot advise the full payment of the Bills, nor do they recommend the payment of any part of them as a matter of right and they are thus particular in stating the grounds of their report in order, that the allowance made in the present case may not be drawn into precedent on any future occasion. They recommend, that three dollars per day be allowed & paid for each juror and one dollar & fifty cents for each constable or marshal for each day of his attendance on the said trial for payment of his expences & services and in lieu of all other compensation. And that R. Kent's bill of twenty dollars, being for preparations made by the Special order of the Court for the accommodation of the Jury be moreover paid [400] but nothing further be allowed or paid on the accounts referred to the Committee

A H. Lawrence
27th March 1810 signed S. Jones Junr
Peter Mesier

On the question to agree to the same, it was carried in the affirmative; and the Comptroller was directed to report a warrant for payment agreeably to the report of the Committee

The Canal Committee presented a report on the subject of the charges of the Corporation against said street, which was ordered to lie for further consideration

His Honour the Mayor informed the Board, that he had been served with process issuing out of the Circuit Court of the United States, in the case of Benjamin Colver v. the Mayor, Aldermen & Commonalty of the city of New York, for breach of a patent priviledge as was alledged in the construction & use of a machine called a Dock Drudge

Whereupon ordered, that the Attorney of the Board enter an appearance for this Corporation on said suit and that the Mayor retain counsel in behalf of this Board in said cause

On motion resolved, that the Sunday Law be recommitted for revision to the following [401] Committee and that the printing of the same be delayed till further orders. The Committee appointed were M^{r} Lawrence Alderman Torrey [&] Mesier

Resolved, that a Committee be appointed to take into consideration & report what arrangements are necessary to be made in consequence of the late Law vesting in the Mayor Aldermen & Commonalty the office of Clerk of the Market. The Committee appointed were M^{r} Hawes Alderman Bingham [&] Mesier

Ordered, that for the preservation of the grass in the park, the Committee, to whom the same was given in charge, be requested to prevent the assembling of the military in the park until the further orders of the Board

Resolved, that the Superintendant of repairs under direction of the Committee of repairs, make such reparations on the Ferry House at Horne's Hook, as shall be directed

Adjourned to meet on Saturday the 31st instant at 4 o'clock

Ordered, that his Honour the [402] Mayor issue his warrant for payment of the following

Richard L. De Groodt for payment of the sum awarded by the Arbitrators to be paid to him for the Flag Staff at the Battery the sum of	$752.51½

[403] In Common Council March 31st 1810

Present Jacob Radcliff Esquire Mayor President
Josiah Ogden Hoffman Esq^{r} Recorder
John Bingham Esq^{r} Deputy Mayor

Peter Mesier
Thos^{s} Carpenter
Cha^{s} Dickinson 3^{d}
William Torrey
Cha^{s} Dickinson 7th
Joseph Watkins
Mangle Minthorne
Nicholas Fish
Esq^{rs} Aldermen

Samuel Jones Jun^{r}
Peter Hawes
Aug: H. Lawrance
Rob^{t} Bogardus
W^{m} Hoghland
Thomas Timpson
Edmund Kirby
W^{m} A Hardenbrook
John Palmer
Esq^{rs} Assistants

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

His Honour the Mayor informed the Board, that he had, agreeably to their request, written to his Excellency the Governor on the subject of the cession of the Flat at the Wallabout and also respecting the amendment to the Law, concerning the election of Representatives in Congress, a draft of a bill for which amendment he had forwarded together with his letter. A copy of the said letter was read and ordered to be filed

A letter from D^{r} Mitchill to the Ferry Committee was received, stating that the Bill [404] for regulating the ferry at Brooklyn had passed the house of Assembly. Ordered, that the said letter be filed

A petition was received from a number of inhabitants of Grand Street remonstrating against the ordinance lately passed for digging out the same. Ordered, that it be referred to the Aldermen and Assistants of the Seventh & Tenth wards & Street Commissioner: and it was further ordered, that all proceedings under said ordinance be stayed until the further directions of this Board.

A petition of John Silver to be appointed a Sweeper of the Markets was received and referred to the Committee on applications.

A petition from the Inhabitants of Spring Street, praying, that a well might be sunk in said street at the corner of M'Dougal Street was received. Whereupon ordered, that the same be sunk under the direction of the Alderman & Assistant of the Eighth ward and the Superintendant of repairs; and that the usual allowance of one dollar per foot be made to the inhabitants, who sink the same

A similar permission was given for a well in Lumber Street under the direction of the Alderman and Assistant of the First Ward [405] and the Superintendant of repairs

A petition of the Inhabitants of Beekman Slip, praying, that a pier might be run out on the West side of said slip was received and referred to Alderman Carpenter M^{r} Jones & M^{r} Kirby

The Committee appointed to take into consideration and report what arrangements are necessary to be made, in consequence of the late law, vesting in the Mayor, Aldermen & Commonalty the office of Clerk of the Market &c. reported

" That they have taken the subject into consideration, and recommend, that, for the purpose of collecting the Market fees, suitable persons be appointed as Clerks of the respective markets in this city, who shall respectively once in every month account with the Comptroller on oath for the monies, which he shall, in that capacity, have received and pay over the same to the Treasurer after deducting the sum of ten per cent, as his fees for collecting the same

That, for the purpose of collecting the other fees, revenues & emoluments, which are, by the said act, vested in the Corporation, a suitable person be appointed, to be denominated [406] the receiving clerk, whose duty it shall be to attend at the Mayor's office daily, during the time the same shall be open for business, to assist the Mayor as Clerk under his direction, in discharge of the several duties attached to his office as Mayor, and to receive in behalf of the Corporation, all such fees, revenues & emoluments, as heretofore were received by the Mayor for the same; and that the said receiving clerk shall account once in every week to the Comptroller on oath for the monies, which he shall, in that capacity have received, and thereupon pay over the same to the Treasurer

That the said receiving clerk shall receive as a compensation for his services above mentioned the sum   dollars per annum to be paid to him quarterly, or such a per centage on the monies received, as the Corporation shall think proper

The Committee also further recommend, that there be allowed to the Mayor of the city, in lieu of all fees, perquisites & other emoluments whatsoever, which, in and by the said act are vested in the Corporation, a certain per centage to be hereafter fixed & ascertained by the corporation of the said fees, perquisites, profits, revenues and emoluments not *exceed* [407] exceeding in amount the sum of   dollars per annum, as and for his compensation, to be paid in quarterly payments

The Committee also further recommend, that a suitable committee be appointed to draft and report an ordinance to the Corporation, conformable to this report, or in such other manner as they shall think proper"

(signed) Peter Hawes
March 31st 1810 John Bingham
Peter Mesier

which report was confirmed and the Committee on Laws and ordinances were directed to report an ordinance conformably to said report.

The Committee, to whom was referred the petition of a number of citizens praying for a division of the city into two districts, and the appointment of two superintendants of streets for the city reported

" That they are of opinion, that the prayer of the said petition is reasonable and for the reasons mentioned by the petitioners ought to be granted. The Committee beg leave to submit to the consideration of the Common Council the following division & they recommend that the city be divided into two districts by a line [408] to begin at the East river at the Fly market slip and to run up the said slip to and through Maiden Lane to the Broadway and up Broadway to the Old Highway, leading to Kingsbridge and thence along the same to Bellevue Lane and thence along the said lane to the East River; all that part of the said city lying between the said lane and the East river to be called the Eastern District and to include therein the Fly Market Slip and Maiden Lane. And the residue of the said city, including Broadway, to be called the Western District."

signed S. Jones Junr
John Palmer
Joseph Watkins

Upon the question to agree to the report of the Committee, a division having been called thereon by Mr Bogardus, it was carried in the affirmative in the manner following

Affirmative		Negative
Aldn Carpenter	Mr Jones	Alderman Mesier
Dickinson 3d	Hawes	Dickinson 7th
Bingham	[409] Lawrence	Fish
Torrey	Hoghland	Mr Bogardus
Watkins	Timpson	Kirby
Minthorne	Hardenbrook	5
	Palmer	
	13	

Whereupon the Committee of Laws and ordinances were directed to report an ordinance agreeably thereto; and Mr Hitchcock lately appointed Superintendant of Streets was directed to proceed in his duties till the further orders of the Board

The Committee, to whom was committed the Sunday Law for revision presented the same, which was agreed to and enacted in the words following

A Law

for the due observance of the Lord's Day called Sunday.

Section 1st Be it ordained by the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York in Common Council convened, that no person or persons within the city of New York, shall do any manner of servile work or labour on the Lord's Day called Sunday (works of piety, charity or necessity excepted) under the penalty of five dollars; nor buy nor sell; nor shew forth or expose to sale, by opening his, her or their shop, [410] store or grocery, or in any street, cellar, place or places; nor bring or cause to be brought; nor be aiding or assisting in or consenting to the bringing into the said city for sale; nor unlade or take or cause to be unladen or taken, or be aiding or assisting in or consenting to the unlading or taking from on board of any vessel, boat or craft, or from any waggon, cart or other carriage, within the limits of the said city, any goods, wares or merchandizes, or any other thing or things whatsoever on the said day within the said city; nor carry, drive or convey or cause to be carried, driven or conveyed, or be aiding or assisting in or consenting to the carrying, driving or conveying out of the said city, or from any one part thereof to any other part thereof (unless in cases of necessity) any goods, wares, merchandize, horses, beeves, calves, sheep, hogs or other cattle, or any other thing whatsoever, that shall have been brought into or may be within the said city for the purpose of sale or with an intent to be sold therein under the penalty of Five Dollars for each and every offence. Provided always, that it shall be lawful to sell fish on the said day, until nine o'clock in the morning and milk until nine in the morning and after five in the afternoon

Section 2d And be it further ordained, That [411] no licensed butcher or other person or persons shall sell, shew forth or expose for sale or cause or procure to be sold, shewn forth or exposed for sale, any small meat on the said day, in any of the public markets or other public places within the said city. And every person offending in the premises shall forfeit and pay the sum of five dollars for every piece of small meat, which shall be by him or her sold, shewn forth or exposed for sale, or caused or procured so to be done, contrary to the true intent & meaning of this ordinance

Section 3d And be it further ordained, that there shall be no shooting, sporting, playing or horse racing on the said day, in any of the streets or places, within the said city; neither shall any person on the said day be permitted to fish or to ride or wade any horse in the waters of the East or Hudson Rivers, within the bounds or jurisdiction of this city, under the penalty of Five Dollars for each offence

Section 4th And whereas the practice of swimming, bathing or sporting near the shores of the East or Hudson Rivers, at improper times & places prevails to a considerable extent and has become extremely offensive to passengers & Spectators, Be it, therefore, further ordained, That no person shall, upon any day in the week, between the hours of six o'clock in the morning and eight o'clock in [412] the evening, swim, bathe, sport or play in the waters of the East or Hudson Rivers, at any place exposed to the view of spectators to the

South of the State prison dock on the Hudson river or of Delancey Street on the East River under the penalty of five Dollars for each offence

Section 5th And be it further ordained, that no public innkeeper, victualler, keeper of an ordinary, grocer or other retailler of liquors shall permit any person or persons to come to & remain in his, her or their house, on the said day & there to be tippling; nor shall they, at any time, suffer any excessive drinking or persons to be drunk, in their houses, under the penalty of Ten Dollars for each offence.

Section 6th And it is hereby enjoined on the High Constable and other constables & marshals and they are hereby authorised & required to enter into all and any of the houses of the said public innkeepers, victuallers or keepers of an ordinary, grocers & other retaillers of liquor; and if any person or persons shall be found tippling or drunk therein, or shall be guilty of any of the offences mentioned in this ordinance, to detain him, her or them, until they shall discover his or her name and place of abode & then to direct and order them forthwith to depart the said house; and if any such person or persons shall not discover his or her name & place of abode, or will not, when directed, depart the said house it shall be the duty of such constable or mar- [413] shal, forthwith to bring the said person or persons before the Mayor, Recorder or one of the Aldermen or other magistrates of the said city, and if, upon the oath or affirmation of the said constable or marshal, such person or persons shall be found guilty of either refusing to discover his or her name, or his or her place of abode, or refusing to depart the said house, when required, such person or persons shall forfeit and pay forthwith the sum of four dollars

Section 7th And be it further ordained, that if any person, who shall contravene this ordinance shall be a minor, an apprentice, a bound servant or a slave, his or her parent or guardian, master, mistress or owner, as the case may be, shall be deemed liable to pay the penalty so incurred & shall & may be prosecuted for the same as aforesaid

Section 8th And be it further ordained, that the attorney of this Board shall be authorised, after the recovery and receipt of any penalty to pay over to the said person, who shall give the attorney such information of any offence against this ordinance, as shall enable the said attorney to prosecute the offender to judgment, one half part of the said penalty so recovered & received.

Section 9th And be it further ordained, that it shall be the duty of all magistrates, constables & marshals in this city and they are hereby [414] enjoined to detect and apprehend all offenders against this ordinance; and to give such information to the Attorney of the Corporation, as may enable him to prosecute to conviction

The Committee appointed to carry into effect the objects of the report of the Committee on the subject of the Flag Staff, reported

" That they have agreed with Gilbert Dean to let the same to him for one year from the first day of April next, at the rent of five hundred dollars, and on the terms & conditions mentioned in the agreement herewith submitted, And which agreement the Committee have prepared for the said Gilbert Dean, to execute, in case the same shall be approved "

Peter Mesier
Thomas Carpenter
S. Jones Junior

The agreement being read was in the words following

" I Gilbert Dean do hereby acknowledge, that the Mayor, Aldermen & Commonalty of the City of New York have lett to me, & that I have taken of them the building at the Flag Staff on the Battery in the first ward of the city of New York for one year from the second day of April in the year One thousand eight hundred & ten on the terms and under the covenants hereinafter mentioned and at the rent of five hundred dollars for the year, which rent I promise to [415] pay them, their successors or assigns in four equal quarterly instalments on the first day of July, October, January and April, the first of the said payments to be made on the first day of July next. And I hereby covenant & promise to and with the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York their successors & assigns, that I will, during the said term of one year, as the agent of the said Mayor, Aldermen & Commonalty take the charge of and well & faithfully attend to the grounds and premises South and West of State Street and of that part of Whitehall Street, which leads from the Broadway to Hudson's river, belonging to the said Mayor, Aldermen & Commonalty called the Battery; will keep the same and the public walks free and clear from all nuisances and filth; will use my utmost endeavours to prevent all trespasses thereon, and in all things, as far as in me lies, preserve the same, and all the grass, walks and fences thereon from all injury or damage whatsoever: and that I will not, at any time, during the said term, sell or expose to sale any wine, brandy, rum, strong waters, ale or any other sort of exciseable or strong liquors (except beer) in or at the said buildings at the Flag staff or at or upon any part of the said grounds & premises called the Battery and moreover that I will use my utmost endeavours to *pre* [416] prevent all riots and disorderly conduct on any part of the said premises and will at all times conform to and obey and aid and assist in the carrying into effect all ordinances, orders and resolutions of the said Mayor, Aldermen & Commonalty of the said city in Common Council convened as to or concerning the said grounds and premises or the regulating, keeping or management of the same, and at the expiration of the said term of one year will deliver and yield up the possession of all and singular the said demised premises to the said Mayor, Aldermen & Commonalty their successors or assigns, and further that in case of the non payment of the said yearly rent or any part thereof, by the space of ten days after any or either of the said days, whereon the same ought to be paid as aforesaid, whether the same shall be demanded or not, or in case of the breach or non performance on my part of any or either of the covenants, promises or agreements herein contained on my part to be performed, then and in any or either such case, it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Mayor, Aldermen & Commonalty their successors or assigns to enter into the said demised premises or any part thereof in the name of the whole & myself & other occupiers thereof thereout to expel and put out and the same to have again and repossess, as in their first & former estate.

[417] On the question to agree to the report of the Committee, a division having been called thereon by Mr Hoghland, it was carried in the affirmative in the manner following

Affirmative

Mr Recorder
Aldn Mesier
Carpenter
Dickinson 3d
Torrey
Dickinson 7th
Watkins
Mr Jones
Hawes
Lawrence
Bogardus
Kirby
Hardenbrook
13

Negative

Alderman Bingham
Minthorne
Mr Hoghland
Timpson
4

Adjourned to meet on Wednesday next (4th April) at 4 o'clock afternoon

[418] In Common Council April 4th 1810

Present Honourable Jacob Radcliff Esquire Mayor

Peter Mesier
Thos Carpenter
Chas Dickinson 3d
James Roosevelt
John Bingham
William Torrey
Joseph Watkins
Nicholas Fish
Mangle Minthorne
Esqrs Aldermen

Saml Jones Junr
Peter Hawes
Aug: H. Lawrence
Robt Bogardus
Wm Hoghland
Isaac S. Douglass
Thomas Timpson
Edmund Kirby
Wm A. Hardenbrook
John Palmer
Esq Assistants

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A petition was received from a number of Inhabitants, praying, that Coentie's Slip may be filled up, so as to form Front Street across said slip; but should that measure not meet the approbation of the Board, they then requested, that the Street on the East side of the Slip might be widened

A remonstrance against filling up said slip, signed by a number of inhabitants was also received; and the said petition and remonstrance were referred to the Aldermen & Assistant of the First Ward & the Committee of Wharves, Piers & Slips.

Petitions were received from Martin Lemons, John Parcells & Mathew Gibson for permission to sell meat by the Quarter in the Lower [419] Fly Market, and from Henry Starling for stand No 3 in said market, lately occupied by Christian Truce, which were referred to the Market Committee

A memorial was received from a number of fishermen, who have hitherto attended at the Hudson Market, stating, that in consequence of a number of permits having been granted to Butchers to sell small meat in said market, the market has been so occupied, that there is no room for their fish stands, and that they have been obliged to remove to the Fly Market. Whereupon, ordered, that the same be referred to the Market Committee & to the Alderman & Assistant of the Third Ward

A petition of John Hammond to be appointed Deputy Keeper of Convicts was read & referred to the Road Committee

A petition of John Shepard & recommendation for Joseph Brotherton as Sweeper of the Fly Market and the petition of John K. Furman for the printing of the Board, were received & referred to the Committee on Applications

A petition from the Inhabitants of Mulberry Street, praying, that the same may be regulated & paved; and a petition from the inhabitants of Broome & Mulberry Streets, complaining of an obstruction to the water at the [420] junction of said streets were received and referred to the Street Commissioner

A petition of John K. Furman praying for payment as clerk at the last charter election in the Fourth Ward was received and referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the Fourth ward.

A petition of J. Weedon for the grant of twenty feet of Collect Street from the corner of Anthony Street to the intersection of Pump Street for the purpose of establishing thereon a Rope Manufactory was read & referred to the Committee on Streets & the Street Commissioner

A petition of Elizabeth Duryea, for payment of the balance of a bond due to her for ground taken to open Amity Street was received & referred to the Comptroller & Street Commissioner

A petition from Abraham R. Lawrance for the exclusive right of ferriage for the term of twenty five years from Great Barn Island to Long Island was read & referred to the Ferry Committee

A request was received from Samuel L. Page Junior, that the Corporation would in conjunction with Jacob Delamontagnie, to whom his house was also mortgaged, receive for the [421] present year, the rent of said premises. Ordered, that the same be referred to the Comptroller & Attorney of the Board with directions to take the necessary measures for complying with said request

A petition from Isaac Stagg to build a vault in Reed Street, in front of William Ross's building was granted under direction of the Alderman & Assistant of the Fifth ward & Street Commissioner

A similar permission was granted to James & Abraham Simonds, who are building in Pearl Street.

A memorial from certain captains of vessels, who ply between Peck's Kill &c and this city, praying, that the Sunday Law may be so amended, as that they may be permitted to land cattle on that day before ten o'clock in the forenoon and after five in the afternoon was read and ordered to lie on the table

A Complaint of Robert Fulton that the dirt, which had been swept up by the inhabitants in Chamber Street had not been removed by the Scavengers, was ordered to lie on the table.

A Letter was received from Thomas Barrow in behalf of the Corporation of Trinity Church, requesting, that as they had ceded to [422] the Board, the ground laid out for the new range of Greenwich Street, that the ground, where the old road run, may be granted to them. Ordered, that the same be referred to the Committee on Laws & ordinances

A petition from sundry inhabitants of the Ninth ward, praying that the overseers of the Highways may be appointed from among the residents of said ward was received & ordered to lie on the table

The following persons were appointed firemen, the Chief Engineer certifying corresponding vacancies

Engine Company N° 35

Zeno Weeks, Tanner 9th ward v. Benjamin Vredenburgh resigned

Engine Company N° 34

John N. Clough Labourer 8th ward Amos St v. Peter Hegerman resigned

Engine Company N° 22

James Dubois joiner, Oak Street, 4th ward v. George Widdis resigned

Engine Company N° 29

Peter Coleman, shoemaker Greenwich Street eighth ward v. George Storms resigned

Engine Company N° 13

John Mott, grocer 167 Fly Market 2d ward v. Joseph Giraud resigned

Hook & Ladder Company

Albert Bogert Cartman 8th ward v. Stephen [423] Crane resigned

Engine Company N° 35

George Duryea Grocer 9th ward v. John Dewitt resigned

The Committee, to whom was referred the petition for opening Hudson Street from Hetty to Clarkson Street, presented a report, which was referred to the Street Commissioner, and he was directed to report an ordinance for opening said street

The Attorney & Comptroller of the Board, to whom was referred the petition of Henry Titus, stating, that he held three lots at the corner of Pearl & Chatham Streets, under and by virtue of a lease from the corporation, that the same extends 78 feet on Pearl Street, and also that the person holding under a similar lease the adjoining property in Pearl Street has encroached upon his ground and wishes this Board to interfere in his behalf and reduce his rent, until the lease of the said person shall terminate, which will be in about six years," reported, " that it is true, that they both hold, under and by virtue of a lease from the Corporation. It also appears, that Henry Titus had a renewal of his lease from the Corporation in the year 1805; but did not then represent to the [424] Board, that an encroachment had taken place, or that the quantity of ground granted him was in any respect deficient. It also appears, that he permitted the other party to build, but not until last summer, when he wished to build himself, did he complain of a deficiency of ground, and yet before a report was made on his then statement, he commenced and has since completed his building. It also appears, that by a survey submitted by Henry Titus, that in front on Pearl Street as also on the rear, the house of William Fash stands exactly on the line; but that there is an encroachment commencing a few feet from the front and which at about the centre is two feet 6 inches; but diminishes towards the rear. It also appears from M^r^ Titus himself, that he would put up with the encroachment, if the rent was but reduced. We are of opinion, that the fault is in M^r^ Titus, in not apprising the Board, at the time his lease was renewed, that there was a deficit of ground; but at all events he should not have permitted them to build without applying for relief, nor ought he to have built himself until he had obtained redress; and as the ground can be of no possible benefit to him at this moment, he is not entitled to relief on any [425] of the grounds asked for, and that he have leave to withdraw his petition "

signed G. N. Bleecker Compt^{r}
Isaac A. Van Hook

which report was agreed to

The Attorney, to whom was referred the petition of Anne Bard, reported as his opinion, that the fine incurred by her husband be remitted on payment of costs, which was agreed to

The Street Commissioner presented a report recommending an amendment of the Law respecting the repairing of streets, which was referred to the Committee on Laws & Ordinances.

The Street Commissioner presented an ordinance for paving Delancey Street, which was passed. Assessors to be appointed at the next meeting of the Board.

The ordinance for paving Spring *Spring* Street, passed, at the last meeting of the Board was called up & Solomon Wheeler, Abraham Hart, Stephen Kingsland, Ezekiel Bishop & Robert Coles were appointed Assessors in said ordinance

The Street Commissioner and Comptroller reported, that the ground in the vicinity of the Collect was filled *suffi-* [426] sufficiently to admit being disposed of, in such manner as the Common Council may judge advisable. Whereupon ordered, that the Street Commissioner direct a quantity not exceeding ten thousand lots of earth to be carted upon the same and the ground to be forthwith levelled.

The Street Commissioner presented the assessment for paving at Albany Basin, which was confirmed & Edward Moran was appointed Collector

The Street Commissioner presented the assessment for opening Collect Street, as corrected by the Assessors, which was directed to be published in the papers employed by the Board.

The Committee, to whom was referred the objections against the assessment for opening Albany Avenue through the Inclenburgh reported, that, in their opinion, the assessment ought to be set aside. They further reported, that the street called the Albany avenue was established as a public street and the ground taken for forming & opening the same and the damages and recompence due to the owners thereof ascertained by a jury, before the act, entitled " An Act relative to improvements, touching the laying out streets and roads in the City of New York and [427] for other purposes, passed the 3^{d} April 1807 " was passed, and they are, therefore, of opinion, that the same ought to be opened with as little delay as may be. Which report was confirmed, and the assessment with the objections to it was ordered to be returned to the Assessors for revisal & correction.

On motion, the Comptroller presented a lease to Peter Lorillard, which, having been examined by the Recorder was directed to be executed

The Comptroller presented a deed for ground at Beekman Slip to Peter Schermerhorn, which was referred to the Recorder

On motion the Board proceeded to elect Inspectors for the next annual election to be holden, on the last Tuesday in this month, when on counting the ballots, the following persons were declared duly elected.

First Ward	Wynant Van Zandt Jun^{r} David B. Ogden James W. Lent
Second Ward	Cornelius J. Bogart William T. Slocum Samuel Gedney

Third Ward	John Bogart Peter W. Radcliff Harmanus Tallman
[428] Fourth Ward	Leonard Fisher Elisha W. King William Jones
Fifth Ward	John P. Groshon Samuel L. Mitchill Philip Brasher
Sixth Ward	Stephen Price John Crolius Junior George Gardiner
Seventh Ward	Robert M'Dermut Daniel N. Train Benjamin S. Knapp
Eight Ward	William H. Robinson Thurston Wood David S. Jones
Ninth Ward	Peter G. Stuyvesant Samuel Kip Valantine Nutter
Tenth Ward	Cornelius Du Bois Solomon Wheeler William Peterson

On motion of Mr Bogardus, Resolved, that the Street Commissioner be authorised to employ such person to assist him in the Department of Street Commissioner, as he may think proper for that purpose

On motion, resolved, that the Street Commissioner be authorised to appoint a paver, whose duty it shall be, under the direction of the Street [429] Commissioner, to repair such of the intersections of the streets as may, from time to time, be necessary.

The following resolution was presented. Resolved, that Samuel B. Waldron & Beekman M. Van Beuren be removed from the office of overseers of the Highways. On the question to agree to the same, a division having been called by Alderman Bingham & seconded by Mr Hoghland, it was carried in the affirmative in manner following

Affirmative		Negative
Alderman Mesier	Mr Jones	Alderman Roosevelt
Dickinson 3d	Hawes	Bingham
Watkins	Lawrance	Mr Hoghland
	Douglass	Timpson
	Hardenbrook 8	Palmer 5

It was then moved, that the Board proceed to fill the vacancies occasioned by said removals, which, having been agreed to & the ballots being taken & counted, the following persons appeared duly elected viz James J. Myers Oliver Waldron

The Committee of Laws & Ordinances presented agreeably to the order of the Board, the following draft of an ordinance, which was ordered to be passed in the words following

[430] A Law

for the appointment of Deputy Clerks of the Public Markets in the City of New York & for other purposes." Passed April 4th 1810

Section 1st Be it ordained by the Mayor Aldermen & Commonalty of the City of New York in Common Council convened, that the Common Council shall, from time to time, as occasion may require, appoint suitable persons as Deputy Clerks of the Several public markets, in the said city, whose duty it shall be to collect the Market fees, in the respective markets, of which they shall be appointed Deputy Clerks and who shall possess the like powers and perform the like duties as are granted to and required of the Deputy Clerks of the Markets, in and by the ordinance of the Common Council, entitled "A Law to regulate the Public Markets in the City of New York," Passed December 28th 1807.

Section 2d And be it further ordained, that the said Deputy Clerks shall respectively before entering upon the duties of their respective offices, execute a bond with one good & sufficient surety, in the penal sum of One thousand dollars, payable to the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York & conditioned for the faithful performance of the duties herein & hereby required as Deputy Clerks of the Markets, to which they shall be respectively appointed—And also [431] that the said Deputy Clerks shall respectively before entering upon the duties of their respective offices, take and subscribe, before either the Mayor or Recorder of the City of New York the following oath or affirmation viz

I   do solemnly swear & declare (or declare and affirm) that I will in all things well & faithfully execute the office of Deputy Clerk of the   Market, to which I have been appointed

Section 3d And be it further ordained, that the said Deputy Clerks shall respectively once in every month render a true and faithful account, to the Comptroller, of all the monies, which they shall, in that capacity, have received & shall thereupon forthwith pay over the same to the Treasurer or Chamberlain of the City, after deducting ten per cent for collecting the same

Section 4th And be it further ordained, that the Clerk of the Common Council for the time being, shall collect the fees, perquisites, revenues, & emoluments other than the Market fees & those arising from tavern licences vested in the Corporation, in and by an act of the legislature of the State of New York, entitled " An act for granting to and vesting in the Mayor, Aldermen & Common- [432] alty of the City of New York the office of Clerk of the Market within the said city and for other purposes " passed March 16th 1810, whose duty it shall be to attend at the Mayor's Office daily, during the time the same shall be open for the transaction of business and act as clerk, under the direction of the Mayor, in discharge of the several duties attached to his office as Mayor, and shall receive on behalf of the Corporation, all such fees, perquisites, revenues and emoluments as heretofore were received by the Mayor for the same, and shall render a faithful account to the Comptroller once in every week of all the monies, which he shall, in that capacity, have received and shall thereupon forthwith pay over the same to the Treasurer or Chamberlain of the city, and who shall receive as a compensation for his services under this ordinance the sum of five hundred dollars per annum to be paid to him quarterly & in equal payments

Section 5th And be it further ordained, that the fees payable on granting Tavern licences shall be received by the Commissioner of Excise for the County of New York for the time being, who shall account for the same to the Comptroller & after deducting two per cent for his services, shall forthwith pay over the residue to the Treasurer or [433] Chamberlain of the city

Section 6th And be it further ordained, that the said Clerk of the Common Council for the time being, and the said Commissioner of excise shall before entering upon the duties of their offices respectively execute a bond with one good & sufficient security, that of the said Clerk, in the penal sum of one thousand dollars and that of the said Commissioner in the penal sum of seven thousand dollars, payable to the Mayor, Aldermen & Commonalty of the City of New York and conditioned for the faithful performance of their respective duties herein & hereby required of them respectively as aforesaid and also that the said Clerk of the Common Council for the time being shall, before entering upon the duties of his office, take and subscribe before either the Mayor or recorder of the City of New York the following oath or affirmation viz

I   do solemnly swear and declare (or declare and affirm) that I will to the best of my ability, in all things, well and faithfully execute the duties enjoined upon the Clerk of the Common Council, in and by an ordinance of the Mayor, Aldermen & Commonalty of the City of New York in Common [434] Council convened, entitled " A Law for the appointment of Deputy Clerks of the Public Markets in the City of New York and for other purposes." Passed April 4th 1810

Section 7th And be it further ordained, that there shall be allowed and paid to the Mayor of the City of New York, as and for his annual compensation as Mayor a certain proportion of the fees, perquisites revenues and emoluments, which by the herein before mentioned act of the Legislature are vested in the Mayor, Aldermen & Commonalty of the City of New York, to be hereafter ascertained and fixed by the Corporation not exceeding in amount the sum of Seven thousand dollars per annum, nor less in amount than the sum of five thousand five hundred dollars per annum to be paid to him quarterly

On motion, the Board proceeded to choose by ballot the persons to fill the offices of Deputy Clerks of the markets under the preceding ordinance, when the following persons were duly chosen.

John Minuse Deputy Clerk of Fly Market

Richard Smith Deputy Clerk of Hudson, Exchange, Oswego, Duane & Greenwich Markets

Isaac Trowbridge Deputy Clerk of Catharine and Corlaer's Hook's Markets.

Ordered, that it be referred to a Committee [435] to consider and report how far it would be proper to make the permission to erect vaults under the streets a subject of revenue to the corporation. The Committee appointed was Alderman Mesier, Bingham Mr Hawes

Ordered, that William Wilmerding be employed by the Comptroller as auctioneer to dispose of the lots of the Corporation directed, at a late meeting, to be sold; and that he receive as auction fees on said sales, two dollars per lot.

On motion, resolved, that permission be given to Augustus Wright in Beekman Street and to the inhabitants in Chamber Street from the Broadway to Church Street to extend the side walks in the street, agreably to the regulation as at present established

Ordered, that the Clerk of the Board procure a map of the city and a copy of the Laws and ordinances and of the charter for their Honours the Mayor and Recorder.

Also ordered, that the Clerk of the Common Council, under the direction of the Mayor procure a suitable desk for the Mayor's Office and Common Council Chamber, and the silver oar (or badge) appertaining to the Mayor as Water Bailiff of this city

The Comptroller reported Cash in the Treasury...................... $14812.37

[436] Accounts audited

Lawrance & Van Wart watch	474.32	
Farrington & White D^{o}	552.72	
Goodheart & Hays D^{o}	643.44	
R. Graves Sup^{t} of streets 1 month	62.	
James Hardie salary 1 D^{o}	62.50	
Mott Hicks D^{o} D^{o}	54.	
Andrew Otterson D^{o} D^{o}	54.	
W^{m} P. Roome Keeper Potter's Field D^{o}	31.	
Robert Elliot painting fence of Lombardy Park	22.50	
Cha^{s} Mooney, curb & gutter B.Way	1000.	
Comm^{rs} for Canal Street	1000.	
James Douglass & others for curb stone for Rivington & Rynder S^{ts}	64.27	
Rudolphus Kent for Jury Wakely's trial	20.	
James Hallet for D^{o} D^{o}	225.	
Benjamin Hoghland, balance on Flag Staff	175.	
		4440.75
		Balance $10371.62

VOLUME TWENTY-TWO
OF
MANUSCRIPT MINUTES
April 9, 1810 to December 10, 1810

[1] In Common Council April 9th 1810.

Present His Honour Jacob Radcliff Esqr Mayor President
Josiah Ogden Hoffman Esqr Recorder

Peter Mesier	Esqrs Aldermen	Samuel Jones Junr	Esqrs Assistants.
Thomas Carpenter		Peter Hawes	
Charles Dickinson		Auge H. Lawrence	
James Roosevelt		Robert Bogardus	
John Bingham		William Hoghland	
William Torrey		Isaac S. Douglass	
Charles Dickinson		William Timpson	
Joseph Watkins		Edmund Kirby	
Nicholas Fish		Wm A Hardenbrook	
Mangle Minthorne		John Palmer	

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Letters were received from the following persons, begging leave to resign their appointments as Inspectors of the next annual election. viz Winant Van Zandt junr and James W. Lent of the 1st ward; Cornelius J. Bogart of the Second ward; Philip Brasher of the 5th ward; Thurston Wood of the 8th ward; Samuel Kip of the 9th ward & William Peterson of the tenth ward. On the question of agreeing to the acceptance of the resignation of Winant Van Zandt Junior, a division having been called thereon by Mr Bogardus seconded by Mr Kirby, it passed in the negative in the manner following

Negative		Affirmative
Mr Recorder	[2] Mr Hawes	Alderman Mesier
Alderman Carpenter	Mr Bogardus	Roosevelt
Dickinson 3d	Mr Douglass	Bingham
Torrey	Mr Timson	Minthorne
Dickinson 7th	Mr Kirby	Mr Lawrence
Watkins	Mr Hardenbrook	Mr Hoghland
Mr Jones	13	Mr Palmer. 7

On the questions to agree to the resignation of Mr Lent, Mr Brasher, Mr Bogart, Mr Wood and Mr Kip, they were severally carried in the affirmative. On the question to accept the resignation of Mr Peterson, it passed in the negative in the manner following, a division having been called by Mr Hoghland seconded by Mr Timpson.

Negative		Affirmative
Mr Recorder	Mr Jones	Alderman Dickinson 3d
Alderman Mesier	Hawes	Roosevelt
Carpenter	Lawrence	Bingham
Torrey	Bogardus	Minthorne
Dickinson 7th	Douglass	Mr Hoghland
Watkins	Kirby	Timpson
	Hardenbrook 13	Palmer 7

The Board then proceeded to fill the vacancies occasioned by the said resignations, when John Haff was elected Inspector for the 1st ward v. James W. Lent; Samuel M. Hopkins for the 2d ward v. C. J. Bogart James Davidson for the 5th ward v. Philip Brasher Jasper Ward for the 8th ward v. Thurston Wood & Peter Myers for the 9th ward v. Samuel Kip.

A petition from a number of inhabitants praying, that a block of houses in Pearl Street, at the [3] junction of Stone & Pearl Streets might be removed and a remonstrance against such measure, signed by Peter Goelett and the other proprietors of said houses were severally read and referred to a committee consisting of the Alderman & Assistant of the 3d ward and Alderman Bingham

A petition from sundry farmers inhabitants of King's County, praying the Board to make further regulations respecting the sale of manure was read and referred to the Committee on Laws and ordinances to report an ordinance for that purpose, agreeably to the prayer of the petition

A request was received from Joshua Geer to be permitted to construct a vault at N° 193 William Street and from John Patrick for the same at N° 7 Pearl Street, which were granted under the direction of the Alderman and Assistant of the respective wards & the Street Commissioner

A petition from Court Went to be appointed a Street Inspector & a recommendation of William Seymour as a Sweeper of the Fly market was received and referred to the Committee on applications.

A petition of John Vanderbelt and of Daniel Baker to receive licence to sell liquors by retail were received & it was ordered, that licences issue to them free from expence to retail liquors until the first day of May next.

A petition of George Duryea for a huckster stand at the Fly Market was received & referred to the Market Committee

A petition was received from George Dominick to be appointed a measurer of lumber, which was granted

A petition of Adrian B. Holmes to be appointed an Assistant to the Street Commissioner was received. Whereupon it was moved, that the Board proceed to appoint by ballot an Assistant to the Street *Com-* [4] Commissioner, which was agreed to & upon counting the ballots, it appeared, that Adrian B. Holmes was duly appointed to said office

A petition of Nicholas W. Stuyvesant for remission of Water Lot rent was received & referred to the Comptroller

A petition of John Dowe and Tate & M'Niven for payment of Curb Stone furnished by them for the intersection of Hester & Rynder Street was referred to the Street Commissioner.

A petition from George Codwise Junior was received, stating, that having filled up the water lot granted to him at Burling Slip and being about to build thereon, he found he could not draw a straight line from the South West corner of South Street & Burling Slip to Front Street, so as to *to* obtain his compliment of ground. He, therefore, requested it to be referred to a committee to examine & make such grant to him, as might remedy his inconvenience. Ordered to be referred to the Committee on wharves, slips & piers & the Alderman & Assistant of the 2^d^ ward & the Street Commissioner

A petition was received from Samuel Barker praying payment for filling in certain lots in Spring Street [and] was referred to the Street Commissioner.

A petition from George Codwise Junior, George Buckmaster, Abraham Legget, & John Youle for grants of Water Lots opposite their ground at Corlaer's Hook was received and referred to the Comptroller

A petition of Charles Mooney for payment for regulating Second Street was received & referred to the Street Commissioner

A request was received from Isaac Auld, Lamp Contractor for an advance of $500 on account [which] was granted & a warrant ordered to issue immediately

[5] The City Inspector presented the following communication viz "that a lot of ground in Chapel Street between Chamber & Reed Streets has been reported to him by M^{r} Hardie as in a dangerous situation. A house, which formerly stood upon it has been removed and the cellar is uncovered to the depth of six or seven feet. The Lot, it is said was presented some time since by the Corporation of Trinity Church to the Episcopal Church in Westchester County, by whom it is still owned. As it requires immediate attention, the City Inspector would recommend the following resolution

Resolved, that a fence be erected forthwith in front of Lot N° 49 in Chappel Street & that the walk be so repaired, as to prevent its being dangerous to passengers"

J. Morton."

which resolution was agreed to

The Comptroller presented a communication on the subject of the Corporation Lots near the arsenal and at Old Potter's Field, the first part of which was referred to the Committee on Charity and the latter was laid for further consideration

A petition was received from Adam and Noah Brown, stating, that they had built by contract for the Corporation a dock fronting the public slip opposite Gouverneur's, for which they were to receive $2495 & were to have the use of the slip, until the money should be paid to them; That they had received but $430 and that they had been prevented from the use of the slip by the Lessee of the Public Slips. They therefore, prayed relief in the premises. Ordered to be referred to the Comptroller & Street Commissioner

Samuel Cowdrey the late Attorney of the Board communicated, that the cause of Clarkson vs Delamontagnie came on at the late sittings in this city, when the plaintiff was nonsuited on the ground, that the question [6] of the assessment had been decided by a competent tribunal. Ordered, that the communication be filed.

A Letter from Patrick M'Kay, on the subject of his lots at Inclenburgh was received, when the former committee on the Albany Avenue was discharged and this together with the whole subject of those lots at the Inclenburgh was referred to a special committee consisting of Alderman Mesier. Dickenson 7th and Mr Bogardus.

A request from sundry inhabitants to fix a bell on Catharine Market to alarm the inhabitants in cases of fire was referred to the Committee on the Fire Department, with directions to consider also the propriety of fixing bells on Corlaer's Hook & Duane Markets.

The City Inspector reported drafts of ordinances from N° 5341 to N° 5385 inclusive for correction of nuisances, which were ordered to be passed

The Market Committee on the petition of Cornelius King for stand N° 46 Fly Market reported, that, as in the Exchange of the Stalls, no money had been paid and as they had received evidence of the good character of the applicant, they recommend the prayer to be granted, which was agreed to

The Committee, to whom was referred the petition of the Trustees of the Brick Church reported " that, in the opinion of your Committee, " Charitable institutions calculated to instruct and instil good principles " and early habits of industry in poor children merit, in an especial " manner the patronage of this Board: and without adverting to the " benefit to be derived from the school, under the care & direction of " this church, they would recommend, that a grant be made to the " Trustees of the Brick Presbyterian Church of so much of the triangular piece of ground situate on the rear of the burying ground of " said church, as may be required for the purpose of building a school " house thereon, on *con-* [7] condition, however, that whenever it shall " be differently appropriated, it shall then revert and become again the " property of this Board.

" Your Committee are further of opinion, that as the situation is a " conspicuous one, and as the building to be erected thereon will terminate the view from several directions, that, therefore, the grantees " ought to be obligated to erect a handsome & ornamental brick building, which shall not extend more than thirty feet beyond the rear of " the said Church Yard. They also think that the building of the " Kine Pock institution ought, at the expence of the grantees to be " removed to the vacant lot beglonging to this Board on the South side " of the New York Free school and there fitted up again in its present " condition "

signed Peter Mesier
Isaac S. Douglass
William Torrey
Edmund Kirby
John Palmer

On the question to agree to the report, a division having been called by Alderman Minthorne seconded by M^r Hardenbrook, it was carried in the affirmative in the manner following

Affirmative
Ald^n Mesier
Carpenter
Roosevelt
Bingham
Torrey
Dickinson 3d
Watkins
Dickinson 7th
M^r Jones,
M^r Hawes
Lawrence,
M^r Bogardus
Hoghland,
Douglass
Kirby,
Palmer 16

Negative
Alderman Minthorne
M^r Hardenbrook
Timpson 3

[8] It was also resolved, that it be referred to the Committee on charity to examine and report how far it would be proper to erect a

building for the Kine Pock institution on the ground adjacent to the Free School, or whether some more suitable place may not be selected

The Committee, to whom was referred the petition & remonstrance on the subject of filling up Coentie's Slip reported, "That having viewed the situation of said slip, they are of opinion the filling the same up would not only be injurious to the neighbourhood; but a considerable public inconvenience. They also find the accommodation on the opposite sides of said slip is by no means equal, that while the residents on the West side enjoy a comfortable and spacious dock to transact their business on, those on the East side are at the hazard of their limbs and lives, confined to a way scarcely sufficient for a single cart. Your Committee, therefore, believe, that the safety of the inhabitants and the accommodation of the trade, which here is very considerable, require, that the Dock on the East side should be widened; and being also informed, that this measure will satisfy the petitioners and be readily acquiesced in by the remonstrators, recommend, that the Dock on the East side of Coentie's Slip be widened to a line to be drawn at such a distance from Blackwell & M'farlane's store and terminating at an angle somewhere between Front and South Streets, so as to make the dock on the East side opposite Panton & Bradford's Store equally wide with the dock on the West side opposite Thomas Storm's store: and as several of the neighbours expect about June next, to commence building, we would suggest the propriety of directing this improvement to be made immediately"

signed Peter Mesier
Edmund Kirby
James Roosevelt
S. Jones Jun^{r}

[9] which report was agreed to and the Street Commissioner was directed to carry the measures therein recommended into effect.

The Attorney of the Board presented the following report, that "a petition was presented by M^{r} Zophar R. Jarvis, on the 18th September 1809, stating that a house owned by David Dunham stood in Broadway near the upper part of it, and wishing the interference of the Board. An order was then made, that the same should be referred to the then Counsel & Attorney of the Board, directing them to take measures to abate the nuisance. On the 6th November following the Counsel & Attorney reported, that they had examined the premises; but owing to the want of a survey pointing out the extent of the encroachment, they could not proceed and recommended, that the Street

Commissioner forthwith furnish them with the same. No survey was ever made by the then Street Commissioner John S. Hunn; but one has lately been made by the present Street Commissioner. I wish the order of the Board, in relation to the subject, as Mr Jarvis is anxious to have the same removed."

Signed Isaac A. Van Hook

Whereupon the Attorney was ordered to carry into effect the former resolution of this Board, ordering the nuisance to be abated.

The Committee on the Fire Department, to whom was referred the account of Abel W. Hardenbrook for two new engines reported, "That they have caused an alteration to be made in said account, which specifies the size of the Engines and quantity of Leader belonging to each. They find, the engines have been furnished, agreeable to the directions of the last and present Board. They, therefore, recommend that a warrant issue for the payment of the same."

Joseph Watkins
April 9th 1810 signed William A Hardenbrook
Charles Dickinson

which report was agreed to and a warrant ordered to be [10] issued immediately for payment of the same being $1450.

The ordinance passed at the last meeting of the Board for paving Delancey Street was now called up and Ezekiel Bishop, Solomon Wheeler, Abraham Hart, Stephen Kingsland & Robert Coles were appointed assessors.

The ordinance for the assessment of the expences of Roosevelt Street drain was now called up & Nehemiah Allen, Garrit B. Abeel, James Smith, George Newbold, & William Cock were appointed assessors.

The Street Commissioner, to whom was referred the petition of the inhabitants of Broome and Mulberry Streets, respecting obstructions, which prevent the water from flowing off the said street presented an ordinance for remedying the evil, which ordinance was passed. The Assessors named viz Christopher Beakley, John P. Ritter, George Cleland, Ebenezer Clark and Benjamin Sands were to lie over till the next meeting of the Board.

The Street Commissioner on the offer of Higgins & Parks to contract for filling in the dock at Peck Slip, reported in favour of making the contract, which was agreed to and the Street Commissioner was directed to make the contract.

The Street Commissioner presented an ordinance for regulating & paving Mulberry Street from Broome to Prince Streets, which was passed. The assessors named viz Christopher Beakley, John P Ritter, George Cleland, Ebenezer Clark, and Benjamin Sands to lie over till the next meeting of the Board.

The Committee on Laws & ordinances presented a draft of an ordinance, entitled "a law for the appointment of Superintendants of streets and for other purposes, which having been read was in the words following

[11] A Law

for the appointment of Superintendants of Streets and for other purposes. Passed April 9th 1810.

Section 1st Be it ordained by the Mayor, Aldermen & Commonalty of the City of New York in Common Council convened, That from and after the passing of this ordinance, two discreet and industrious persons of honest fame shall be appointed by the Common Councill to be called and known by the name of Superintendants shall be assigned to each of the districts hereinafter established.

2d And be it further ordained, that the city be divided into two districts for the purposes intended by this ordinance, by a line to begin at the East river at the Fly Market Slip and to run up the said slip, to and through Maiden Lane to the Broadway and up Broadway to the Old Highway leading to King's Bridge and thence along the same to Bellevue Lane and thence along the said lane to the East River, all that part of the said city lying between the said line and the East River to be called the Eastern District, and to include therein the Fly Market Slip and Maiden Lane and the residue of the said city including Broadway, to be called the Western District

3d And be it further ordained, that it shall be the duty of each of the said superintendants under the direction of the Street Committee for and on account of this Board to hire and employ so many assistants, scavengers and other persons as may be necessary to sweep the heads of slips and other public grounds and to take charge of the mud machines and superintend the cleaning of the said slips and to clean, carry away and sell all such filth, dirt and rubbish as may be found in the streets within their respective districts and to provide suitable places of deposit for the reception of the said filth, dirt and *rub-* [12] rubbish until it can be sold and removed; and it shall be the duty of each of the said Superintendants respectively to keep or cause to be kept regular accounts of his expenditures and sales and, at least once in every year or oftener, if he shall be thereunto required settle the same and lay before the Common Council such statement thereof as will enable them to ascertain the sums of money, which shall have been expended on all the principal objects in his department and likewise the amount of sales. And further it shall be the duty of each of the said superintendants to examine into and direct the prosecution of all penalties incurred for breaches of this ordinance within his district, and generally to perform such other duties in relation to his office as may, from time to time, be assigned to him by the Common Council

4th And be it further ordained, that each of the said superintendants of streets, before he shall enter upon the duties of his office, shall take an oath before the Mayor or Recorder of the city well & faithfully to perform the duties thereof

5th And be it further ordained, that each of the said superintendants shall give security in the penal sum of five thousand dollars, conditioned, that the Corporation shall not sustain any loss by his improper or unfaithful application of their monies and to account for the same, when thereunto required

6th And be it further ordained, that the said Superintendants of streets shall each receive, as a compensation for his services, such sum as shall hereafter be allowed by the Common Council

7th And be it further ordained, that the owner or occupant of each and every house or other building or lot or lots of ground in the city and adjoining to any street, which is or shall be paved, shall, twice in every week upon the days herein after prescribed (until otherwise [13] ordered by the Common Council of this city) before the hour of ten in the morning, cause all the dirt and filth in their respective houses, cellars, alleys, yards, and lots to be brought out into the street opposite to their respective buildings and lots of ground and shall cause all the dirt and filth in the said streets as far as the middle of the same and the gutter or kennel thereof opposite as aforesaid to such buildings and lots to be swept, scraped and collected together in heaps in the middle of the same, in order that such dirt and filth may, from time to time, be removed by the persons, who are or may be employed for that purpose by the superintendant of streets for the district, within which the said buildings and lots respectively may be situate, under the penalty of two dollars for each neglect; and it is hereby further ordained, that each and every occupant of any house or other building shall be severally liable to pay the penalty herein before mentioned

8th And be it further ordained, that the person having charge of any church, or other place of public worship, College, school, hospital, jail, Alms House, prison or cemetery adjoining to any of the paved streets shall, in like manner, cause so much of the said streets, gutters and kennels as may be opposite thereto and to the lots of land appertaining to the same to be swept, scraped and cleansed and the dirt and the filth thereof collected and laid in heaps twice in every week on the days herein after mentioned under the penalty of three dollars for each neglect.

9th And be it further ordained, that the duties aforesaid shall be performed by the owners and occupants and persons having the charge as aforesaid of houses and other buildings and lots of ground adjoining to the Broadway in the said city or situate to the Westward thereof and to the Southward of Murray Street and that part of the said city, which lies between the West side of George Street, Ferry Street and Peck Slip [14] on the West & the East side of James's Street and the New Slip on the East, Chatham Street on the North and the East River on the South, which shall be called the First Division on every Monday & Thursday; and that the owners or occupants having the charge as aforesaid of houses and other buildings and lots of ground in the said city situate to the Southward of Broadway and to the Westward of the Easterly side of George Street, Ferry Street and Peck Slip aforesaid, which shall be called the Second Division shall perform the duties required of them as aforesaid, on every Tuesday and Friday; and that the owners or occupants or other persons having the charge of houses and other buildings and lots of ground in all other parts of the said city, which shall compose the Third Division shall perform the said duties on every Wednesday & Saturday in every week

10th And be it further ordained, that before they begin to the sweeping of the said streets, they shall cause the same to be sufficiently sprinkled with water, under the penalty of two dollars for every neglect.

11th And be it further ordained, that carts shall be employed for the purpose of collecting and removing all offals, garbage, and other filthy substances from the cellars, yards and kitchens in the said city and that the persons employed by the Superintendants respectively to drive the said carts shall give notice at proper intervals of their approach by the ringing of a bell and shall receive all such offals and garbage, as may be delivered at the carts; And further that the said superintendants respectively, in removing the sweepings of the streets, manure and other filth or rubbish do either cause the same cart to take away and remove the whole thereof at one time or otherwise employ and direct two or more carts to pass through [15] the same street at the same time, one or more whereof shall take up the manure, and another or others shall remove all other substances; or that the whole of one street or part of a street shall be fully cleaned at the same time. And it is hereby further ordained, that the inhabitants of the said city shall, from time to time, deliver to such scavengers or other persons employed as aforesaid all such offals and garbage, as may be in their respective buildings, kitchens, cellars or yards under the penalty of one dollar for each neglect or refusal so to do.

12th And be it further ordained, that no person shall cast or lay in any street, lane or alley in the said city any oysters, clams or other shell fish, shells of any kind, ashes, cinders, manure, offals, garbage, vegetables, rubbish, soil, straw, hay, litter, broken glass or earthen ware, shavings, paper or dirt, except on the days and before the hour above prescribed for the sweeping and cleaning of the streets in the several parts of the said city above designated or for the purpose of immediate removal and that no person shall obstruct any of the Common Sewers, drains or kennels of the said city under the penalty of two dollars for every offence.

14th* And be it further ordained, that every cart employed by the said Superintendants respectively for the purpose aforesaid, shall have a tight box, the sides and forepart of which shall be two feet and the tail board not less than sixteen inches high and shall have the words Dirt Cart and its number painted distinctly in black letters on the outside of the side board; and no scavenger or cartman employed by the said superintendants respectively shall drive or use any cart for the purposes aforesaid or any of them unless the same shall be constructed & marked as aforesaid, under the penalty of two dols for every offence

[16] 13th* And be it further ordained, that it shall be the duty of the Scavengers or persons employed by the said Superintendants respectively to remove and cart away all the dirt and filth, offals and garbage collected in heaps as aforesaid, or which may be delivered, to such place or places as the said Superintendants respectively shall or may, from time to time appoint, under the penalty of four dollars for every such neglect.

15th And be it further ordained, that no person or persons, except such as are employed by the said Superintendants or one of them shall take up, carry away or remove any of the dirt or filth from the said street, under the penalty of five dollars for every offence; and if any licensed cartman shall be found guilty thereof, he shall forfeit his licence in addition to the said penalty.

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* NB. The 13th & 14th sections are accidentally transposed

16th And be it further ordained, that the owners or occupants of each house or lot of ground in the said city and the person having the charge of every church, cemetery, jail or other public building and the land thereunto belonging adjoining to any street, that has been or shall be paved, shall within the first four hours between Sunrise and sunset after every fall of snow, or hail or rain, which shall freeze on the side walks and gutters, cause the side walks and gutters to the breadth of one foot opposite such house, building or land to be cleaned off the same, unless the same shall be so congealed, that it cannot be removed without injury to the pavement, every such owner or occupant shall, within the time aforesaid, cause the side walks to be strewed with ashes, sand or other proper materials to enable persons to walk with safety thereon: And every person offending or being guilty of any neglect in the premises shall forfeit and pay for the first neglect [17] the sum of two dollars and for every hour thereafter, during which such neglect shall continue the further sum of twelve and an half cents for every twenty five feet in length of any side walk or gutter, which shall not be cleaned or not strewed as aforesaid, as the case may be and so in proportion for a greater or less length of side walk or gutter.

17th And be it further ordained, that if any cartman or other person shall take up shavings from any workshop or other building for the purpose of removal & spill or scatter any part thereof in any street of this city, he or they shall pay as a penalty for every load or parcel so carelessly removed the sum of one dollar for each offence

18th And be it further ordained, that it shall not be lawful for any cartman or other person whatsoever, except under the direction of the Superintendants of Streets or one of them and for public uses to deposit or heap manure at any place Southward of a line beginning at the outlet of the swamp of Anthony Lispenard into Hudson's river and running from thence to and along Broome Street to the East River, under the penalty of twenty five dollars for each offence, and the further penalty of one dollar for every twenty four hours, in which the same shall remain so deposited or heaped.

19th And be it further ordained, that it shall not be lawful for any cartman or other person whatsoever except under the direction of the said Superintendants or one of them to deposit or heap manure at any place to the Southward of a line beginning on the Hudson River, in a line with Hammond Street; thence extending through Hammond Street to Greenwich Lane; thence through Greenwich Lane and Art Street to Bowery Lane; thence through Bowery Lane to North Street; thence through North Street to the East river under the penalty of twenty five dollars for each offence and the [18] further penalty of one dollar for every twenty four hours, in which the same shall remain so deposited or heaped, except for the purposes of cultivating the ground, on which it shall be laid. And further that no manure, filth or sweepings of the Streets, which now is or may hereafter be collected in heaps to the Northward of the line last before mentioned shall at any period, between the first day of May and the first day of December in any year be carted down to any wharf to the Southward of the line above mentioned, unless by the direction of the said Superintendants or one of them, under the penalty of twenty five dollars for each offence.

20th And be it further ordained, that no ship or vessel of any size or description whatsoever shall come into or lay in any public slip in this city without leave of the Superintendant of Streets for the district, wherein the same shall be situate, during the time, that the Mud machine & scow belonging to the public, shall or may be employed in cleansing such slip and removing the filth and mud therefrom. And if any ship or other vessel aforesaid shall or do without leave as aforesaid come into such public slip, in which the said Mud machine and scow shall be so employed the master, owner or persons having charge of such ship or other vessel shall forfeit and pay as a fine twenty five dollars: And further, that if the Master, owner or other person having charge of such ship or other vessel, which shall be in such public slip, in which the said mud machine and scow shall be so employed as aforesaid shall and do neglect or refuse to remove such ship or other vessel, from such public slip, when thereunto required by the said superintendant of the district, wherein the same may be situated, he shall forfeit and pay as a fine twenty five dollars for every twenty four hours and, in that proportion, for a shorter or longer time, such ship or other vessel shall be and remain in such slip

[19] 21st And be it further ordained, that in case the said Superintendants or either of them shall, in the discharge of their or his duties, under this ordinance, take up and remove any sand, clay, brick, stone or other matters, which ought to be removed by the person or persons placing the same in any street, the said person or persons shall forfeit and pay double the usual sum for removing the same

22^d^ And be it further ordained, that the said superintendants respectively be and they are hereby authorised and required to employ as many persons as may be necessary to sweep and clean the streets and gutters in front of such houses and lots as are uninhabited in the said city, or whose owners or occupants may have temporalily retired from said city, and that it shall and may be lawful to and for the said superintendants respectively to collect the proportionate expence thereof from the owner or occupant of every such house and lot, and in default of payment of the same, by any such owner or occupant to prosecute for the same in any court having cognizance thereof

23^d^ And be it further ordained, that if any offence shall be committed against this law, by any child, apprentice, servant or slave, the penalty in such case shall be recovered from and paid by the parents, master or mistress of the person offending."

On motion to agree to enact the same, it was carried in the affirmative

On motion, the Board proceeded to ballot for another person to fill the office of Superintendant of streets, when it appeared, that Waters Furman was unanimously chosen to that office

On motion, resolved, that the several Fire Engine Companies be authorised to procure a torch for the use of the said companies

[20] The Comptroller presented the deed from Peter Hoffmire, which having been examined by the Committee on laws and ordinances, was directed to be recorded and filed with the Comptroller

The Comptroller reported Cash in the Treasury	17883.81
Warrants not presented	279.
Balance	17,604.81

Ordered, that his Honour the Mayor issue his warrants for payment of the following sums

Jacob Morton 1 Quarter Salary	312.50	
Samuel Stilwell balance for Collect	293.94	
E. Brasher for printing blanks &c	45.	
Samuel Walker, for posting bills	14.87	
Mathew Dikeman for repairing pumps	31.25	
Peter Hoffmire, for opening Walker Street	1,933.33	
Richard Furman for Alms House	3,000.	
John H. Sickles for New City Hall	3,000.	
Abel W. Hardenbrook for two new engines	1,450.	
Isaac Auld on account of lighting lamps	500.	
		10,580.89
Balance in Treasury		7.023.92

[21] In Common Council April 16th 1810

Present Jacob Radcliff Esquire Mayor, President

Peter Mesier
Thomas Carpenter
Chas Dickinson 3d
John Bingham
William Torrey
Charles Dickinson
Joseph Watkins
Mangle Minthorne
Esqrs Aldermen

Saml Jones junr
Peter Hawes
Aug: H. Lawrence
Wm Hoghland
Isaac S. Douglass
Thomas Timpson
Wm A Hardenbrook
Edmund Kirby
John Palmer
Esqs Assistants

The minutes of the last meeting were read & approved.

Letters were received from Samuel M. Hopkins, of the Second ward and George Gardner of the Sixth ward, requesting to be permitted to resign their appointments as Inspectors of the ensuing election. On the question to agree to said request, it passed in the negative

A request was received from John B. Murray for payment of a bond from the Corporation to Miller & Baker for $2000, which was assigned to him, which bond was for ground taken to open Canal Street & from which was, agreeably to the condition, to be deducted such sum as the land of Miller and Baker in said street, should be assessed for opening the same. On motion, resolved, that it is not expedient, at present, to comply with the request of the petitioner.

A petition of John Brown, praying remission of *of* a penalty for selling liquor without licence was received and referred to the Attorney of the Board.

A petition was also received from Daniel Corwin stating, that he had lately married Mary Emmons widow, who had taken out licence to sell liquor by [22] retail, and under that licence, he had supposed himself authorised to sell; but that the attorney of the Board had informed him, that he had incurred the penalty inflicted by the law for selling liquor without licence and that he had paid said penalty. He, therefore, prayed relief in the premises. Whereupon ordered, that the attorney be directed to return to the petitioner the said sum.

A petition of John Stanley was received, stating, that he had hired at a high rent a piece of ground, which he had devoted to persons, who frequented his tavern as a place of exercise; that a road was ordered to be run through said ground, which would destroy the object, for which he rented the same & praying relief in the premises. Whereupon ordered, that the same be referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Eighth ward.

Petitions from Hook and Ladder Company N° 1 and from Fire Engine Company N° 20 for a larger Engine House and from Engine Company N° 32 for an addition of two firemen to their company were received and referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

A petition from sundry inhabitants, praying, that the Corporation would appoint a Superintendant, whose duty it should be to enforce the laws respecting cartmen and recommending to that office Uytendale Allaire was received and ordered to lie for further consideration

A remonstrance of sundry inhabitants of the Eighth Ward against a building erecting in said ward for the distillation of turpentine, stating the same to be highly dangerous was received. Whereupon resolved, that this Board cannot interfere in the premises.

Petitions from Jacob Bourdett, John D. Delezenne and Samuel G. Summers to receive licence to [23] sell liquor by retail, until the first of May next without paying for said licences were received and on motion, the prayer of said petitioners was granted.

A petition of Mary Anderson, Elizabeth Smith & Rebecca Wilson, stating that they formerly supported their families by selling fruit in the Oswego Market, from which they have been lately removed & praying to be restored to the said privilege was read & referred to the Market Committee with authority to grant the prayer of the petition, if they judged it proper.

A petition of Mary Sugars for a Coffee Stand in the Market was received and referred to the Market Committee, who were also directed to report regulations respecting the appointment of sweepers of the Market.

A petition of Margaret Nowlan for a huckster stand at the Fly Market was received and referred to the Market Committee

A petition of James Cunningham to be appointed an Inspector of Streets was received and referred to the Committee on applications.

A memorial from a number of inhabitants and owners of ground in Little George Street and its vicinity remonstrating against the grant, made at the last meeting, of the ground, whereon the Kine Pock Institution was established to the Brick Presbyterian Church was received

Whereupon it was moved, that the Board reconsider the grant, which they had so made to the said Brick Presbyterian Church. On the question of agreeing to the same, a division having been called, it was carried in the affirmative as follows

Affirmative		Negative
Alderman Carpenter		Alderman Dickinson 3d
Dickinson 7th		Mesier
[24] Minthorne		Bingham
Mr Jones		Torrey
Hawes		Watkins
Lawrence		Mr Hoghland
Timpson		Douglass
Hardenbrook		Kirby
Palmer	9	8

It was then moved, that it be referred to a Special Committee, which was agreed to and the following Gentlemen were appointed the Committee Alderman Carpenter Mr Lawrence Mr Hoghland

A recommendation of Jacob Parcells as Captain of the City Watch was received and referred to the Watch Committee

A petition of Daniel Cotton and Samuel Bennett to be appointed Inspectors of manure was received and referred to the Committee on applications

A petition of Nathaniel Reynolds for a well, at the intersection of Broadway and the Bowery Lane was received and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Eight ward and the Superintendant of repairs with authority to sink the same at his own expence

A petition of Maria H Williamson for permission to sink a vault in Rose Street and of Dr Van Zolingen to sink a vault in front of No 96. Broadway were granted under the direction of the Aldermen and Assistants of the respective wards and the Street Commissioner.

A remonstrance of Hector Scott & Divie Bethune against the indecent practice of persons bathing in the day time, in the river near their dwellings was received. [suggesting] that the Fourth Section of the Law entitled "A Law for the due observance of the Lord's Day called Sunday" passed March 31st 1810 be *amend-* [25] amended, so that no person shall bathe within a line commencing at and including the dock built by John Townsend on the Hudson river, which was agreed to

A petition of sundry owners of lots near the Crane wharf was received, praying that the Corporation would order a pier to be run out at Crane Wharf, similar to those lately built at the West side of Peck Slip and the East side of Beekman Slip. Ordered, that the same be referred to the Committee on wharves, piers and slips

A letter of John K. Furman inclosing a certificate from the Inspectors of last election certifying his having acted as a clerk was received & referred to the Alderman and assistant of the Fourth Ward.

A remonstrance of John Jay and of sundry owners of lots in Stone Street against the ordinance lately passed for opening said street was received. Whereupon ordered, that the former ordinance be and the same is hereby repealed: and that the petition and remonstrance be referred to the Alderman and assistant of the First Ward and the Street Commissioner

The following persons were appointed firemen, the Chief Engineer certifying corresponding vacancies.

Fire Engine Company N^o^ 16.

Charles Marsh, Chairmaker John Street 2^d^ Ward v. Peter Ten Eyck removed

Lewis Fricon, grocer, Fly Market 2^d^ ward v. John B. Brooks resigned.

The City Inspector presented drafts of ordinances for the correction of sundry nuisances from N^o^ 5383 to N^o^ 5394 inclusive, which were passed.

A communication from the City Inspector, stating, that the foot of Dover Street was in a disagreeable and offensive state was referred to the [26] Aldermen of the second & Fourth Wards and the Street Commissioner.

The Committee, to whom was referred the report of the Attorney of the Board on the petition of B. C. Stevenson and on the petition of William G. Hopper reported, that the Corporation ought not to give the Collector any directions on the subject of said assessment, which report was agreed to

The Committee, to whom was referred the petition of George Codwise junior reported,

" That they have taken into consideration the several matters referred to in the said petition & have examined the situation of the premises therein mentioned, and are of opinion, that it will be proper to permit the petitioner to run his line paralel to Burling Slip through to Front Street, in the same direction, that the foundation to his store, at the corner of Burling Slip and South Street, is now laid; upon condition, that he pay to the Corporation for the additional ground, which he shall gain by the same, at and after the rate, for every square foot, which was required of Peter Schermerhorn for the angle of ground, which he lately bought of the Corporation on Beekman Slip. And that on payment for the said ground, he receive a grant thereof from the Corporation. If the principle of this report should be adopted, it will still leave on the East side of Burling Slip, a street for public use of twenty five feet wide, between the said slip and M^r^ Codwise's line, as herein recommended, according to the condition of the grant made to him.

Your Committee also further beg leave to represent, that while attending to the matters above referred to them, they discovered, that after leaving the space of Eighty four feet, required for Beekman Slip, and of twenty five feet, required for the Street on the North side of Burling Slip, there is between [27] the permanent line of M^r^ Schermerhorn's store, at the corner of Beekman Slip and South Street & the permanent line of M^r^ Codwise's Store, at the corner of South Street and Burling slip, a surplus of eight inches of ground on South Street, extending thence back to a point at Front Street, over & above the whole quantity of ground granted to Messieurs Schermerhorn and Codwise respectively; for which eight inches the Corporation are entitled to demand a reasonable compensation. Your Committee farther state, that M^r^ George Codwise Junior is willing to allow & pay to the Corporation for the said ground, at the same rate, for every square foot, that M^r^ Schermerhorn paid for the angle of ground before mentioned, on Beekman Slip.

Your Committee, therefore, recommend, that a grant of the same be made to M^r^ Codwise, on his paying therefor, at and after the rate before mentioned and that the Street Commissioner be directed to have the principles recommended in this report carried into effect."

Signed
Thomas Carpenter
Peter Hawes
Samuel Stilwell
S. Jones Junior

which report was confirmed.

The Market Committee, to whom the petition of John Parcells and Martin Lemons was referred, reported, that in consequence of finding the Fly Market and Catharine Market already crowded, they cannot grant the prayer of the petitioners; but they recommend, that permits be granted to them for Spring Street Market, which was agreed to.

The Committee, to whom was referred the petition of J. Weedon reported,

"That however desirous they are to promote [28] genius and enterprise and check pestilential diseases, they are not fully persuaded that the erection of a Rope walk in Collect Street with a view to those desirable objects would be justifiable

Because they believe, it would be more conducive to the public good and the health of the inhabitants of that part of the city, if the streets were left open and free, the low grounds in that vicinity covered with good wholesome earth and smooth drains constructed, that could be kept perfectly clean to carry off the water.

Your Committee, therefore, after mature deliberation have found the reasons against the petition so far to preponderate, as to induce them to say that the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted."

signed
Peter Hawes
John Palmer
Joseph Watkins
Samuel Stilwell

which report was confirmed.

The Committee on the subject of bells for the Duane Street, Catharine Street and Corlaers Hook markets reported, that it would be proper to fix bells on said markets, which was agreed to and the Superinendant of repairs was directed to fix bells on said markets

The Ferry Committee on the petition of Abraham R. Lawrence presented a report, the consideration of which is postponed

The Committee on the remonstrance and petition respecting a block of houses in Pearl Street, reported, that, after viewing the premises, they see no just cause, why the petition should be granted, which was confirmed.

The Comptroller reported, that agreeably to his communication of the 26th ult° and which was approved of by the Board, the lots of ground belonging to the Corporation, on the North west side of Chatham Street, were exposed to sale at auction on the 12th instant and disposed of in the following manner.

[29] Lot N° 7. 25 feet wide and 95½ feet in length for 21 years from the 1st of May next at $280 per annum.

N° 8 and the rear half of N° 9 and 10 adjoining, for 16 years from the 1st of May next at $255 per annum.

The whole were purchased by William Mooney, and sold subject to the customary restrictions and conditions as to the buildings to be erected. The leases will be prepared accordingly.

signed G. N. Bleecker Comptroller

which was ordered to be filed.

The ordinance presented by the Street Commissioner on the 19th March last for paving the streets around Hudson Square was called up and passed and George Cleland, Joseph Dederer, Ebenezer Clark, Amos Corning and Peter Fenton were appointed assessors.

The ordinance passed at the last meeting of the Board for regulating and paving Mulberry St from Grand to Prince Streets and for regulating Mulberry Street from Grand to Broome Streets were called up & passed and Christopher Beakley, John P. Ritter George Cleland, Ebenezer Clark and Benjamin Sands were appointed assessors.

The Committee on the petition against digging out Grand Street presented a report, the consideration of which was postponed.

The Street Commissioner on the petition of Samuel Barker for payment of a balance for filling in sunken lots at Spring Street reported, that the contract on Mr Barker's part was complied with and that there was due to him $261 $^{75}/_{100}$; but as the collector had made no return, he could not ascertain what sum remained to be collected.

On the petition of Charles Mooney for payment of $27 due for regulating Second Street, the Street Commissioner reported, that the same was due.

On the petition of John Dow and Tate & M'Niven the Street Commissioner reported that there was due for [30] Curb and corner stones at the intersection of Hester and Rynder Streets to John Dow $26 $^{2}/_{100}$ & to Tate and M'Niven $22 $^{50}/_{100}$. Whereupon ordered, that the Comptroller report warrants for payment of the above sums and that measures be taken by him for collection of the said sums from the collectors.

The Street Commissioner presented the assessment for regulating Elm Street from Grand to Broome Street and for paving Van Dam Street from Greenwich Street to Hudson Streets, which assessments were confirmed and Edward Moran was appointed Collector.

The Street Commissioner presented the assessment for Collect Street, which had been advertised agreeably to the order of the Board. He also presented objections, which he had received against the same from Cornelius J Bogart and Peter Lorillard, which were referred to the Street Committee & the Street Commissioner.

Resolved, that the Chief Engineer be directed, in future to attend the meetings of this Board, in order that he may, when required, give information respecting his department.

A motion was made by Mr Hardenbrook, that the salary of the Chief Engineer be reduced to $250. Upon the question being taken, it passed in the negative.

On motion resolved, that Stephen Hitchcock Superintendant of Streets be assigned to the Western district of the streets & Waters Furman have charge of the Eastern District. Resolved further, that the late resolution directing M^{r} Hitchcock to take charge of the several streets of the city be rescinded.

Ordered, that the Superintendant of repairs take measures to raise and remove a sunken vessel in the Corporation Basin and that the expences of the same be recovered from the owner of said vessel.

The Comptroller presented a deed to Peter Schermerhorn for ground at Beekman Slip and a grant to [31] Jasper Ward for a water lot at Peck Slip, which having been examined by the recorder were ordered to be duly executed and delivered.

An order of the court of quarter sessions directing the payment of $\$230\,^{13}/_{100}$ to William Merriam Ann Page Merriam and William Whitney and of $\$23\,^{25}/_{100}$ for expences in attending said court: the former from the State of Massachusetts and the latter from the state of Connecticut in the cause of the people v^{s} Amy Nelson was received. Whereupon ordered, that a warrant issue for payment of the same.

The Comptroller reported Cash in the treasury		$7023.92

Ordered, that his Honour the Mayor issue his warrant for payment of the following sums.

Lawrance & Van Wart City watch	$474.32	
Farrington & White D^{o}	552.72	
Goodheart & Hays D^{o}	643.44	
B. O'Blenis 1 Q^{r} salary clerk to police	250.	
Francis Lynch 1 Q^{r} salary Bread Insp^{r}	97.43	
W^{m} M. Summers d^{o} d^{o}	76.33	
Luke Torboss painting & glazing	114.78	
P. Burtsell Stationary	60.13	
Joseph Watkins timber &c	31.43	
D^{o} repairing Greenwich S^{t}	30.79	
Peter Naylor Mason work, Bridewell	19.62	
Isaac Auld, lighting lamps	765.31	
Rufus King payment of bond	752. 7	
Halsey & Westervelt	725.	
Whitehead Fish treasurer to pay 2 orders of court	253.38	
		4846.75
	Balance	$2177.17

[32] In Common Council April 23d 1810

Present Jacob Radcliff Esqr Mayor President

Peter Mesier
Thomas Carpenter
Charles Dickinson 3d
James Roosevelt
John Bingham
William Torrey
Charles Dickinson 7th
Joseph Watkins
Nicholas Fish
Mangle Minthorne
Esqrs Aldermen

Samuel Jones Junr
Peter Hawes
Auge H Lawrance
Robert Bogardus
William Hoghland
Edmund Kirby
Wm A. Hardenbrook
Esqrs Assistants

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

An account of Luke Persany for taking care of the Mud machine was received and referred to the Committee on wharves, slips and piers

An account of Halsey and Westervelt for sinking a bulkhead at Beekman Slip was referred to the Alderman and assistant of the Second ward and the street Commissioner

The petition of Gilbert Coutant to be permitted to transfer the lease of Lot No 118 in Chatham Street was received and referred to the Comptroller

A memorial from the officers of the 3d regiment of the first brigade of artillery was received requesting, that as the Honourable the Corporation had presented a stand of colours to the 1st and 2d Regiments of the brigade, they would do them the like honour. The same was referred to the Committee of Defence

Petitions were received from Daniel Canniss Andrew Van Norden and Charles Farrington to be appointed Inspectors of manure and were referred to the Committee on applications

A petition was received from Wm Byrnes a black [33] man, stating, that an order of bastardy was made agt him obliging him to the payment of ten shillings weekly for the maintenance of the child, which he was unable to pay and praying the corporation to direct a reasonable sum in gross to be paid in lieu of the weekly charge. Ordered, that the same be referred to the Commissioners of the Alms House.

A petition of Margaret Divine for a huckster stand at the Fly Market was referred to the Market Committee with authority to grant the prayer of the petition

Permission was given to Jacob Le Roy to construct a vault in

Liberty Street under the direction of the Alderman and Assistant of the ward & Street Commissioner

A petition from the Inhabitants of Greenwich Street, praying that the road lately made through Richard Amos's ground might be worked, was referred to the Road Committee and the Street Commissioner

A petition from the Inhabitants of Elizabeth Street, praying that said street may be paved from Hester to Prince Streets was read & referred to the Street Commissioner

A remonstrance from the Inhabitants of Spring, Thompson & Sullivan Streets against the late ordinance regulating Spring Street was referred to the Street Commissioner, who was also directed to cause a fence in Spring Street (at Hogg's Garden) to be removed

A Communication was received from Waters Furman one of the Superintendants of streets, recommending an alteration in the Street Districts, which was referred to the Committee of Laws and ordinances, with a request, to report an amendment to the Law, agreeably to said communication, if they approved of the same

A petition was again received from John D. Keese, praying the enforcement of an order for filling up certain lots in Pitt Street, which was referred to the Street Commissioner with directions to cause the said ordinance [34] to be enforced.

The following person was appointed a fireman the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancy.

William Palmer cabinet maker 7th ward v. Philander Camp resigned.

The City Inspector reported ordinances for the correction of sundry nuisances from N° 5395 to N° 5411, which were ordered to be passed

The Comptroller, to whom was referred the petition of Nicholas W. Stuyvesant. reported, that the facts with respect to the said petition are these

" On the 10th July last, a petition was received from Mr Stuyvesant for a grant in front of his property on the East River in the Tenth ward, which was referred to the Subscriber. For the want of a map to ascertain the dimensions of the lot applied for, a report was not made till the 18th September, when a grant was recommended to be issued "

" This report was referred to a committee, consisting of Aldermen Bingham, Minthorne, and Dickinson, who on the 9th October following, recommended, that a grant should be made to Mr Stuyvesant, reserving a public landing at the South West corner of Stuyvesant Street &c on the East River. Some delay happened on the part of M^{r} Stuyvesant, after he was made acquainted with the rate of quit rent and other conditions of the grant, and as soon after he had agreed to accept it, as the pressure of public business would permit, the Indentures were made out and ready to be exchanged. No intimation was given, that the petitioner wanted to commence improving his property in the course of the last season; and it is presumed, that no inconvenience has arisen on that account, from the want of a grant.

The practice has uniformly been, to make the first payment of quit rent fall due on the 1st day of May, subsequent to the date of the grant. The following [35] instances are cited among others, which appear on the backs of record.

A grant to John J. Astor dated 16th April 1806, the payment due the 1st of May following

One to William Walton of the same date and terms

Another to Gerard Walton 14th April 1806, on the like conditions

These are all later than the one to M^{r} Stuyvesant, which bears date the seventh March last. Several are to be found dated late in the month of February, and all conditioned for the first payment, falling due, the following May. From the above statement, the Board will see, that the Subscriber has pursued the practice of his predecessors in this respect

The subject is respectfully submitted to the Board for such order thereon, as they may be pleased to take.

signed. G. N. Bleeker Compt

Whereupon it was moved, that the rent be remitted to M^{r} Stuyvesant until the 9th day of October, that being the day, on which the Board ordered a grant to M^{r} Stuyvesant. The question having been taken thereon, it was carried in the affirmative

The Comptroller reported, that he had examined the accounts of the Superintendant of the Alms House for the quarter ending the 31st March and that there appeared to be a balance due the Superintendant of \$2011.^{93}/$_{100}$.

The Street Commissioner reported, that Garret B. Abeel and George Newbold declined serving as Assessors for Roosevelt Street drain, whereupon Strong Sturges and James Smith were appointed in their places.

The Street Commissioner reported, that M^{r} Dominick Lynch had not complied with the *ordinan-* [36] ordinances directing him to fill in his lots at the Collect. Whereupon the Attorney of the Board was directed to prosecute Mr Lynch for breach of the said ordinances.

The Street Commissioner also presented an ordinance for regulating Bayard Street from Orange to Collect Street, which was passed and Ezekiel Bishop, Solomon Wheeler, Abraham Hart, Stephen Kingsland, and Robert Coles were appointed assessors

The Street Commissioner presented the assessment for regulating Green Street, which was confirmed and Edward Moran was appointed Collector.

A return was received from the Police office that Captain Hays had reported, that he had suspended Garrit Ackerman for sleeping on his post; that Captain Farrington has suspended Jacob Wheeler & Captain Goodheart had suspended James Fowler for the like offences. Captain Farrington also reported, that William Murphy had left his watch and he recommended Elijah Haines in his place. Ordered that the report be referred to the Watch Committee.

The Committee, to whom was referred the petition for opening Morton Street, reported, that having viewed the ground & finding, that it would be a public convenience to have said street opened and particularly to the inhabitants of the village of Greenwich, they recommended that Morton Street be opened, which report was agreed to and the Street Commissioner directed to take measures for that purpose

The Committee on Laws agreeably to direction reported a law regulating the sale of manure, &c. the consideration of which was postponed till the next meeting.

The Committee on the petition of proprietors at Crane wharf reported. "that they understand the practice of the board to have been & which they conceive remains, that no pier is to be permitted to be built, unless two thirds of the proprietors of lots affected thereby petition [37] for the piers and that number not petitioning in this case, the Committee recommend, that the prayer of the petition be not granted.

James Roosevelt
April 13th 1810 signed S. Jones Junior
Edmund Kirby

which report was confirmed

The Attorney of the Board presented a Law in the words following

A Law for further regulating the public slips

Be it ordained by the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York in Common Council convened, that no person or persons whatsoever shall bring into any of the public docks, wharves, piers or slips of this city or continue therein, the wreck of any ship, boat or vessel of any description whatsoever, whereby the said public docks or slips shall be incommoded, or the entrance or departure of any ship or vessel or small craft in any wise incommoded, under the penalty of twenty five dollars. And be it further ordained, that for every day the wreck of any ship or vessel after being brought into any public dock, wharf, pier or slip shall continue or remain in the said public docks, the owner or the person having charge of the same shall forfeit the sum of ten dollars

which ordinance was passed

On motion resolved, that his Honour the Mayor be authorized to issue tavern licences to be in force until the 1st day of May next to such persons as he shall think proper free from expence

The Comptroller reported cash in the Treasury amounting to	$6060.49	
Warrts not presented	820.32	
		5240.17

Ordered, that his Honour the Mayor issue his warrants for payment of the following sums

[38] Accounts audited

To Jacob P. Roome & John M'Comb for valuing Ferry House at Horne Hook	15.	
To T & J. Swords 5th Volume Laws of the State	3.	
To Mathew Banks, blacksmiths works 7th and 10th wards	31.	
To O Neil and Lee, sinking a well Corner of M'Dougal & Spring Streets Eighth Ward	26.	
To J. Hardcastle for printing ordered by the Mayor	74.	
To Jacob P. Roome Superintendant of repairs for workmen	250.	
To Halsey & Westervelt for bulk head West side of Peck Slip	552.	
To Richard Furman Supt of Alms House	3000.	
To Samuel Stilwell Street Commissioner 1 Quarter's Salary	375.	
		4326.
	Balance	914.17

[39] In Common Council April 30th 1810

Present Jacob Radcliff Esquire Mayor, President

Peter Mesier
Thomas Carpenter
Charles Dickinson 3d
James Roosevelt
William Torrey
Charles Dickinson 7th
Joseph Watkins
Mangle Minthorne
Esqs Aldermen

Saml Jones Junr
Peter Hawes
Aug: H. Lawrence
William Hoghland
Thomas Timpson
Edmund Kirby
Wm A. Hardenbrook
John Palmer
Esqs Assistants.

The minutes of the last meeting were read & approved.

A memorial was received from Joseph Clements, complaining of cartmen, who place their carts in front of his house, at the corner of Peck Slip & greatly incommode him, while there is sufficient room for them at the head of the slip. Ordered to be referred to the Committee on Streets.

Permission was given to John Le Maire to construct a vault in front of his lots No 36 & 38 Barclay Street under the direction of the Alderman and Assistant of the ward and the Street Commissioner

A petition was received from Robert Bird, praying, that the limits of the law restraining the practice of swimming at certain hours may be extended to the ground owned by Governor Clinton on the Hudson River, which was agreed to.

A petition of Thomas Hobbs, praying permission to sell meat at a stand in Hester Street was received and referred to the Market Committee with directions to enquire, whether there are not persons now selling at stands in the Street, without any licence from the board.

A remonstrance was received from the inhabitants of Henry Street, against the practice of cleaning [40] fish at the pumps of the City. Ordered to be refered to the Committee on Laws and ordinances to remedy the evil.

A recommendation from the Fire Wardens of the Second Ward, for the appointment of a Fire Warden, in the place of John Griffith removed from the ward was received and directed to lie on the table

A petition was received from Mrs Violle praying remission of a fine incurred under the Sunday Law; as not understanding the English language, she did not know of the alteration of the law. Ordered, that the part of the fine appertaining to the board be remitted

Petitions of Bridget M'Laughlan and Ellen Dougherty to be permitted to have a huckster and Chapman Stand in the Fly Market and of Aaron Place to sell small meat by the quarter were received and referred to the Market Committee, with authority to grant the prayers of the petitioners, if they judged it advisable.

A petition of Abraham Furman to be permitted to sell poultry &c. in the Fly Market and a petition from several Masters of Market vessels, requesting, that Nicolls Down may be permitted to sell poultry &c. as their agent were received. Ordered, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petitions

An invitation was received from the Trustees of the New York Free School, to attend the examination of the Scholars, on Monday next at 12 o'clock

A petition of Henry Hart for an extension of time for payment of the rent in arrear upon the lot of M^r^ Nesbit which was to be assigned to him, together with a report of the Comptroller on his former petition were received and referred to the Attorney of the Board and the Comptroller with authority to grant the extension of six months upon his securing the [41] payment of the rent now due.

A remonstrance of the Inhabitants of the Tenth Ward against the deposit of manure in certain parts of the ward was received and referred to the City Inspector.

A request was received from Elbert Anderson Junior, that the lease of Lot N° 21 in Augustus Street might be assigned to him by Archibald Taylor and that said lease might be renewed to him for twenty one years. Ordered to be referred to the Comptroller.

A petition of sundry proprietors at Albany Basin, requesting the Corporation to unite with them in extending piers on each side of the basin was received and referred to the Committee on wharves, slips and piers.

A remonstrance against the projection of the Store N° 194 Front Street was received from sundry inhabitants and was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Second ward and the Street Commissioner.

A petition of Peter Thorp for an office was received and referred to the Committee on applications with a request to report thereon at the next meeting of the Board

Captain Jacob Hays reported, that Lewis Moore, Cornelius Cole, Joseph Taylor & Joseph Shourt had resigned as watchmen and he recommended John Place, Charles Day, William Simmons and James Stewart in their places. The Watch Committee having approved of said recommendation, they were appointed watchmen by the Board

Petitions were received from David Johnson & John G. Thompson to sell small meat by the quarter in the Fly Market and were referred to the Market Committee

A petition of James M. Fonerden to be appointed [42] a weigher of hay was received and granted

The Street Commissioner presented ordinances for paving Elizabeth Street from Hester to Prince Street and for regulating & paving South Street from the Coffee House Slip to the Old Slip, which were passed. The consideration of the Assessors named was ordered to lie over till the next meeting of the Board.

The Street Commissioner recommended, that Abraham Hart, Stephen Kingsland & Solomon Wheeler be appointed Assessors for Roosevelt Street drain, in place of those, who had resigned, which was agreed to.

The City Inspector reported drafts of ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances from N° 5411 to N° 5417 inclusive, which were passed

The City Inspector reported, that the lateral sewer at the corner of Broad Street and Pearl Streets was stopped and recommended, that the Superintendant of repairs be directed to open it, which was agreed to.

The Comptroller on the petition of George C. Schroppel for a water grant opposite his land about three miles from the city reported, that it would be proper to comply with the request of the petitioner on the usual terms, which was agreed to.

The Committee, on the several petitions of Edward Laight and others of Christian Bergh and of George Codwise Junior and others for water grants at Corlaer's Hook presented reports, which were referred for further consideration to the Alderman and Assistant of the Seventh Ward, the Comptroller and Street Commissioner

The Committee on the Fire Department, to whom was referred the petition of Fire Engine Company N° 32 praying an addition of two men and of Fire Engine Company N° 6. praying for an addition of four men and an additional length of leader reported, that, in their opinion the prayers of the several petitions ought to be granted, which was agreed to.

[43] The Committee on the petition of John K. Furman reported, "that the Act relative to the election of Charter officers authorizes the Inspectors to appoint one clerk only and directs, that he shall be allowed for his services two dollars per day; that it appears Adolph L.

DeGrove was regularly appointed Clerk of the election & has accordingly received payment for his services as such; therefore, in the opinion of your committee M^r^ Furman's claim on the board cannot be allowed"

signed James Roosevelt

which report was agreed to.

The Comptroller laid before the Board an account current, which he had received from John S. Hunn the late Street Commissioner. Ordered, that the same be referred to the Committee on assessments

The Comptroller presented a communication to the Board on the subject of the expences of Clerks, Marshalls &c at the elections, which was ordered to be referred to the Finance Committee to report regulations on the subject.

The Comptroller, on the petition ot Gilbert Coutant for permission to transfer the lease of N° 118 Chatham Street to Joseph Rose, reported in favour of the petition, on condition, that M^{r} Rose take out his lease within two weeks from the 1st day of May next, which was agreed to

On motion, resolved, that the Watch Committee be directed to enquire into the propriety of reducing the number of watchmen in the several Watch Districts & also into the propriety of increasing the compensation to the Night Watch, and that they report at the next meeting of the Board

On motion, resolved, that the Chief Engineer be directed to report to the Board the number of Engines belonging to the Corporation, the size of the Chambers, the quantity of leader, the number of men, the names of the foremen of each engine and the places where they *respect-* [44] respectively stand together with the ages of them, and also the number and condition of such of the Fire Engines as are now unfit for use and where the same are deposited together with the implements belonging to them and generally all the implements appertaining and belonging to them respectively and such other information, as he shall think useful to the Board.

On motion, resolved, that it shall not be lawful for any person or persons wilfully to break down or in any other way to injure any tree or trees in any of the public streets, under the penalty of five dollars for each offence; and that the Committee on Laws and ordinances be directed to bring in an ordinance for the purpose

The law to regulate the sale of manure &c, which was laid over last meeting was now called up and having been read by paragraphs was passed in the words following

A Law

to regulate the sale and cartage of manure, sand and clay and the inspection of manure exported from the City of New York, passed April 30th 1810

Section 1st Be it ordained by the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, in Common Council convened, that all manure shall be sold by the cart or waggon load and that each load shall contain sixteen bushels, heaped measure

2d And be it further ordained, that all manure, sand or clay shall be carted in close boxes with a tail board, at least sixteen inches high and well secured, and no person shall cart or sell any manure, sand or clay in any other manner than is by this law prescribed, under the penalty of five dollars for each load or part of a load, which he shall so cart.

3d And be it further ordained, that, for the better carrying into execution the above regulations, so far as regards manure to be exported out of this city, there shall from time to time be such and so many persons [45] appointed in the said city of New York, as the Common Council shall think proper to inspect the loading of manure sold or intended for sale and to be exported as aforesaid, whose duty it shall be to see that each cart or waggon load of manure intended to be exported out of the said city, on board of any boat sloop, pettiauger or other vessel be carted in close boxes constructed in manner as aforesaid and contain the aforesaid quantity of sixteen bushels heaped measure, that the said inspectors respectively shall be duly sworn to execute the duties of their office with fidelity and impartiality; that their respective judgment in the premises shall be conclusive and that the said inspectors shall have for their trouble for each load of manure by them inspected three cents and in the same proportion for a greater quantity, the one third part thereof to be paid by the seller and the other two third parts thereof by the buyer of the said manure; and it shall also be the duty of each of the said Inspectors to keep a book, in which he shall make an entry of each load of manure by him inspected as aforesaid designating therein the quantity inspected for individuals & the quantity inspected for the superintendants of streets and shall once in every month make and render a full and true account and return of the number of loads of manure so inspected by him to the office of the City Inspector

4th And be it further ordained, that the Boatman or other purchaser of the manure shall be accountable to the Inspectors for the whole fees of inspection and shall and may deduct and retain the one third part of the said fees of inspection from the price or purchase money to be paid for the said manure, and it shall also be the duty of each of the said Inspectors, who shall inspect any load or loads of manure intended to be loaded or put on board of any boat, sloop, pettiauger or other vessel to give to the cartman or other [46] person, who shall cart the same, or to the Boatman or purchaser, who shall receive the same, a certificate or other voucher to shew, that the same has been duly inspected, which certificate or voucher, when given to the carman or other person, who shall cart the same, shall be delivered to the Boatman; and it shall also be the duty of such Inspector to give to the Boatman or person having the command or charge of such boat, sloop, pettiauger or other vessel and for which such certificates or other vouchers shall be produced, and delivered to such inspectors as aforesaid.

5th And be it further ordained, that if any Carman or other person shall cart and deliver to any boatman or purchaser any manure, which shall have been sold or may be intended for sale and to be exported as aforesaid before the same shall be duly inspected as aforesaid, he shall for every load so carted, forfeit the sum of fifty cents, and that if any Boatman or other person shall receive on board of any boat, pettiauger sloop or other vessel, any such manure before the same shall be inspected as aforesaid, he shall, for every load of uninspected manure so received on board, forfeit the sum of fifty cents and if any boatman or other person having the command or charge of any boat, pettiauger, sloop or other vessel shall depart with such boat, pettiauger, sloop or other vessel, from the said city or from any slip or other place therein, with any such manure on board for the purpose of proceeding or with intent to proceed to any place, when the said manure or any part thereof may be or is intended to be discharged and unloaded without such certificate as aforesaid of the said Inspector or inspectors of the number of loads delivered to and put on board of such said boat, pettiauger, sloop or other vessel, such boatman or person having the command or charge of such boat, pettiauger, sloop or other vessel, shall forfeit the sum of twenty five dollars.

[47] 6th And be it further ordained, that if any Inspector shall, by sickness or otherwise be prevented from attending to the duties of his office in such case, the Mayor of the said city for the time being, or in his absence the recorder shall appoint. one other

fit person in his stead during the sickness or absence of such Inspector.

7th And be it further ordained, that the Attorney of this Board shall be authorised after the recovery and receipt of any penalty under and by virtue of this ordinance, to pay over to the person, who shall give the said attorney such information of any offence against this ordinance, as shall enable the said Attorney to prosecute the said offender to judgment one half part of such penalty so recovered and received

8th And be it further ordained, that the ordinance entitled, "A Law to regulate the sale and cartage of manure, sand and clay in the City of New York" passed January 11th 1808 be and the same is hereby repealed.

The Committee on applications having reported in favour of the appointment of Andres Van Norden Daniel Canniff and Daniel Cotton to the office of Inspectors of manure, they were accordingly appointed as such.

The Committee on Laws presented the following Law, which was passed

A Law

to amend a law entitled "A Law for the appointment of Superintendants of Streets and for other purposes" passed April 30th 1810

Be it ordained by the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York in Common Council convened, that the ninth section of the law for the appointment of Superintendants of Streets and for other purposes" be so amended, that the division of the said city, as therein designated, be so modified, that the [48] said division be as follows, that is to say, that all that part of the said city adjoining to and on the westerly side of Broadway and the Southward of Murray Street, with all that part of the said city, which lies between Mott Street, Chatham Street, Tryon Row, Cross Street, Reed Street, Elm Street and Prince Street and all that part of the said city, which lies between the West side of Peck Slip, Henry Street and George Streets shall be called the First Division; And all that part of the said city, between the East River and a line running up from the Battery to Prince Street, and thence through Prince Street to Elm Street, including the same and thence down Elm Street, to and through Reed Street, Cross Street, Tryon Row, Chatham Street, Nassau Street and George Street, and thence along the Easterly side of George Street, Ferry Street and Peck Slip shall be called the Second Division and the residue of the said city shall be called the Third Division

On motion, resolved, that the City Inspector, with the approbation of the Alderman and Assistant of the ward designate the place allowable by law, in such ward, where manure may be deposited

The Report of the Ferry Committee on the petition of Abraham R. Lawrence, which was laid for consideration, was now referred back to the Ferry Committee at their request

The Comptroller reported cash in the Treasury	9076	
Warrants not presented	105	
		8971.

Whereupon ordered, that his Honour the Mayor be requested to issue his warrants for payment of the following sums

Lawrance & Van Wart watch	474.32
Farrington & White Do	552.72
Goodheart & Hays Do	643.44
[49] James Hardie 1 month's salary & expences	66.12
Mott Hicks Do	50.
Wm P. Roome, keeper of Pottersfield	30.
Henry Voorhis repairing walks	12. 6
James Richardson, cleaning well	8.31
Isaac Sebring Bond & interest	2322.97
John Anderson, on account for widening Coentie's Slip	300.
Charles Mooney, balance on Second Street	27.
John Dow Do on Hester & Rynder Sts	26. 2
Tate & M'Niven Do	22.50
Dols	4535.46

Balance in Treasury deducting amount of warrants not presented	8971.	
Accounts audited	4535.46	
Balance........Ds		4435.54

[50] In Common Council May 7th 1810

Present Jacob Radcliff Esqr Mayor President

Peter Mesier
Thomas Carpenter
Chas Dickinson 3d
James Roosevelt
John Bingham
William Torrey
Joseph Watkins
Mangle Minthorne
Esqrs Aldermen

Samuel Jones Junr
Peter Hawes
Auge H. Lawrence
Robert Bogardus
William Hoghland
Isaac S. Douglass
William Timpson
Edmund Kirby
John Palmer
Esqrs Assistants

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A petition of Margaret Dorsey for a huckster's stand at the Fly

Market and of Thomas Holden for a Butcher's Stand at Nº 8 Duane Market were received and referred to the Market Committee

A petition of a number of the inhabitants, praying, that Varick Street may be regulated & paved from Provoost to North Moore Street and that Provost Street be regulated and paved from Chappel Street to the pavement now made were received & referred to the Street Commissioner

A petition of John K. Furman to be appointed Corporation Printer was received and referred to the Committee on applications

An application of Isaac Auld for an advance of $500 on account of his contract was received. Ordered, that a warrant to that amount issue on the 11th instant

A petition from the inhabitants of Houston Street, to regulate and dig out said street was received and directed to be done, under the direction of the Street Commissioner.

A petition for a watchman to be stationed at [51] the corner of Charlotte and Henry Streets was received and referred to the Watch Committee

A petition for a well at the corner of Walker and Church Street was received and granted on the usual terms, under the direction of the Alderman & Assistant of the ward and the Superintendant of repairs

A petition of Miles Hitchcock to be appointed a Fire Warden of the Second Ward was received and referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

A petition of John M'Kie praying a correction and an extension of the water grant given to him was received and referred to the Comptroller & Street Commissioner

A remonstrance from a number of inhabitants against the erection of a slip at Corlaer's Hook was received and referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the Seventh Ward, the Street Commissioner & Comptroller.

A petition of sundry proprietors of Common Lands praying a commutation of the Quit rent on said lands was received and referred to Alderman Mesier, Bingham [&] Roosevelt.

A petition of David Hosack respecting the quit rent reserved on his lands at the Botannic garden was received and referred to the above committee.

A representation of the Butchers at Spring Street Market, that the sweeper of that market neglected his duty was referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the eighth ward.

Leave was given to Theophilus Prince to construct a vault at N° 179 Broadway under the direction of the Alderman and Assistant of the ward and the Street Commissioner

A petition of certain proprietors, praying that [52] piers may be run out at the basin between Jay & Duane Streets was received & referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the 5th ward and the Street Commissioner

The attorney of the Board presented the award made by the arbitrators in the case of Jacob Cholwell with this Board as follows

" First. We do award, arbitrate and determine by these presents, that the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York to pay unto the said Jacob Cholwell, the sum of twelve hundred and eighty four dollars and eighty nine cents, by the fourteenth day of May instant

Secondly That the said Jacob Cholwell do deliver up to the said the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the city of New York, upon the receipt of the said twelve hundred and eighty four dollars and eighty nine cents, to be cancelled a certain bond bearing date the second day of May one thousand eight hundred & ten.

Thirdly. We do award, that upon the payment of the said sum of twelve hundred and eighty four dollars and eighty nine cents by the said the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York and the receipt of the same by the said Jacob Cholwell, that they shall execute each to the other sufficient remittances from all demands and controversies whatsoever touching the premises from the beginning of the world to the date of the arbitration bond aforesaid. In witness whereof, we have hereunto set our hands & seals this fourth May 1810

J. Mapes
signed John Mowatt Junr
Burnell Brown

Whereupon resolved, that the Comptroller be directed to report a warrant at the next meeting of the Board for payment of said award

The Committee on the petition of the proprietors of the Steam Boat Company reported " that they have had *se-* [53] several conferences with the agents of the said Company, and several different sets of proprietors have been submitted; but regret, that no arrangement has been made, nor as yet do we feel sanguine any will be made, unless the views of the company materially change.

The inclosed propositions are the last submitted to our consideration, and understanding they could not be in any important particular, departed from and feeling no disposition to acceed to the same, your Committee have thought proper to submit them to the Board for their consideration

Peter Mesier
signed John Bingham
Thomas Carpenter

whereupon resolved, that the said report be accepted that this board will not accede to the proposals of said company and that the Committee be discharged from any further consideration of said subject.

The Committee on Laws and ordinances reported the following ordinance respecting trees.

A Law

Concerning Trees standing in the streets, passed May 7th 1810

Section 1st Be it ordained by the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York in Common Council convened, that no person or persons shall, at any time, hereafter cut down or wilfully break, remove or destroy or, in any way damage or injure any tree or trees standing, or which may at any time hereafter be standing in any public street in the City of New York, without the consent of the Alderman and Assistant of the ward, wherein the same may be, under the penalty of five dollars for each tree so cut down, broken, removed destroyed damaged or injured, to be recovered in any court having cognizance thereof, with costs of suit

Section 2d And be it further ordained, that if any person, who shall contravene this ordinance, shall be a minor an apprentice, bound servant or slave, his or her parent or *guard-* [54] guardian, master or mistress or owner, as the case may be, shall be deemed liable to pay the penalty so incurred, and shall and may be prosecuted for the same as aforesaid.

Section 3d And be it further ordained that the Attorney of the Common Council shall be and hereby is authorised after the recovery and receipt of any penalty under and by virtue of this ordinance to pay over to the person, who shall give the said Attorney such information of any offence against this ordinance, as shall enable the said Attorney to prosecute the offender to judgment, the one half of the said penalty so recovered and received"

Whereupon resolved that the said ordinance do pass

The Committee on the petition, respecting piers at Albany Basin presented a report, which was ordered to lie for further consideration

The Committee on the account of Luke Persiany for taking care of the mud machine was read, who reported as their opinion, that the account ought to be paid, which was agreed to, and the Comptroller directed to report a warrant for the same. The remainder of the report of said Committee, as to the further use and management of said machines was referred back to the said committee for further consideration

The Committee, to whom was referred the deed to be given to Miller and Baker for ground, which had been taken for Canal Street, reported a deed, which, in their opinion ought to be given, which was agreed to and ordered to be executed

Certain accounts of the Inspectors of the late election for expences incurred was received & referred to the finance committee

The Street Commissioner & Comptroller, to whom was referred the petition of M^rs^ Duryea, praying payment of a bond given to her for ground taken for Amity Street, presented a report, which was directed [55] to lie for further consideration

The City Inspector presented a report, stating that the privies in the Bridewell were in an extremely offensive situation, and that in his opinion, a sewer ought to be constructed to carry off the filth of that establishment and of the Alms House. Ordered, that the same be referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Sixth ward and the City Inspector

The City Inspector also presented ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances, from N° 5417 to N° 5421 which were passed

The Committee on applications reported on the petition of Peter Tharp, that they regretted there was not, at present, any office vacant, to which he could be appointed; but that they would take the first opportunity, which should offer for gratifying his wishes.

The ordinances passed at the last meeting of the Board for regulating South Street and for paving Elizabeth Street were called up and Daniel Smith, Garret Storm, James W. Lent, Benjamin Stephens and John Nitchie Junior were appointed Assessors for the former and John Merritt, Ebenezer Clark, Benjamin Sands, George Cleland and Asa Holden were appointed Assessors for the latter

A report from the Police Office on the city lamps as reported by the Captains of the City Watch was received and referred to the Lamp Committee.

The Police Office reported, that Captain Lawrance had returned, that he had suspended Richard Leforge that Captain Farrington had suspended John Trenchard and Captain Goodheart, B. Fowler, Douglass Lenois and Captain White, Peter Stream for sleeping on their posts, the two last being the second offence. Captain Samuel L. Page reported, that J Bell had resigned his station as a Watchman. Ordered, that said report be referred to the Watch Committee

The following persons were appointed Firemen [56] the chief Engineer, certifying corresponding vacancies. Josiah Muir grocer N° 23 Whitehall Street 1st ward v James F. Stewart deceased—Engine Company N° 9. John Bunn N° 64 William Street v. John Reid resigned likewise belonging to Company N° 9

On the request of the Street Commissioner Lemuel Skidmore was appointed an Assessor for regulating the streets round Hudson Square, in the place of Peter Fenton, who is sick

The Street Commissioner presented a return made by the Collector of the delinquents on the assessment for filling in certain sunken lots in Spring Street, which was directed to be referred to the Attorney, Comptroller and Street Commissioner

The Street Commissioner presented an assessment for paving and regulating Jay Street from Washington to West Street, which was confirmed & Lewis Angevine was appointed Collector

The Committee, to whom the remonstrance against the projection of the store N° 194. Front Street into the street was referred, reported, that they had viewed the incumbrance and were of opinion, that the prayer of the petition ought to be granted. Whereupon the Street Commissioner and Attorney were directed to take measures to cause the said incumbrance to be removed.

On motion resolved, that all monies, which now are in the hands of the Treasurer of the New City Hall, and which may hereafter be paid to him on account of said building shall be by him deposited to his credit in one of the banks of this city as Treasurer of the New City Hall and that all checks on account of said building shall be subscribed by him as Treasurer of the New City Hall.

Ordered, that the Superintendants of Streets report to this Board the reason why the carts have not removed the dirt from the streets, during the past week

[57] The report of the Canal Committee of the 27th March last was now read in the words following.

Canal Street

To the Corporation of New York Dr To sums advanced and assumed to pay the persons following being the verdict of the juries in their favour viz.

1806		Grounds		Buildings		Amounts		Amounts	
		Dols	Cts	Dols	Cts	Dols	Cts	Dols	Ct
Feby 26th	Thomas Dick	3000		875		3875			
	Blackwell & M'Farlane	420				420			
	Robert Gilmore	750		1100		1850			
	Wm J. Waldron	750		1150		1900			
	Thomas Dugan	750				750			
	Halsey Lindley	850		950		1800			
	George J. Warner	750				750			
	George Warner	1975				1975			
	James Walker	12,821	40			12821	40		
	Moses Archer	1250		1280		2530			
	Vn Gieson & Vn Blarcom	2324				2324			
	Peter Lorillard	3410				3410			
	Samuel Jones Junr	1817	60			1817	60		
	Stephen Baker	8079	60			8079	60		
								44,302	60
April 15th	James Haliday	280	60			280	60		
	Thomas M'Conaghy	280	60			280	60		
	Augustus Lawrence	295				295			
	John Gilman	69	25			69	25		
								925	65*
[58]	Expences of suit in Feby 1806 advanced Do Do April 1806 advanced Advanced Oliver Jaques for collecting					448.15 100.15 100		648	30
	Advanced C. Loss, A Loss & Wm Bridges							130	
	Interest on Dols 925.65 from 15th April 1806 at 7 per Cent ys mo 3. 8 and 18 days							240	82
	Interest on 648.30 Dols from 15th April 1806 at 7 per cent, ys mo 3. 8 & 18 days							168	58
	Interest on 44.302 60/100 Dollars from 26th August 1806 at 7 per cent ys mo 3. 4 & 7 days							10 396	73
								56,812	68*
	Cash pd Miller & Baker 26th Augt 1806 for error in measurment of ground Interest on Do to 2d January. 1810					282 79 66.35		349	14
						Dollars		57161	82
	Cr								
	By proceeds of sales of five buildings viz								
	Thomas Dick's house sold for Bought by Thos Dugan					$143.			
	Robert Gilmore's house sold for Bought by Thomas Dugan					255.			
	William J. Waldron's house sold for Bought by Wm J Waldron					78.			
	Halsey Lindley's house sold for Bought by Thomas Dugan					175.			
	Moses Archer house sold for Bought by Mrs Archer					103			
						754			
	Interest on 754 Ds from 1st May 1807 at 7 per cent ys mo 2. 8 and 2 days					141.2		895	2
						Balance		56,266	80

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*A miscalculation is apparent here.—ED.

The Canal Committee, to whom the within statement was referred beg leave to report, that they have examined the same and are of the opinion that the same ought to be adopted by this Board and [59] *and* a certified copy transmitted to the Commissioners to be included in the assessment of Canal Street. The Committee further recommend that the statement furnished by the late Street Commissioner and presented to and confirmed by this Board be vacated

Robert Bogardus
March 5th 1810 (signed) Edmund Kirby
Charles Dickinson

Whereupon Resolved, that the aforesaid report be approved of and that an authenticated copy of the same be transmitted to the Commissioners for Canal Street

The Ferry Committee presented a further report on the petition of Abraham R Lawrance, which was directed to lie for further consideration.

The following communication was received from the Commissioners of Canal Street

To the Chairman of the Canal Committee

Sir,

The Commissioners for laying out Canal Street had the honour to address you a note on the 3d of February 1810 stating in their opinion some mistake had occurred in your charges against said street, and wishing you to revise and correct the same, since which the Commissioners have not heard from you on the subject. They also addressed you a note on the 12th day of February covering a draft of a deed to be given by the Corporation to the several former owners of the land, not now wanted for the use of Canal Street, which deed the Commissioners have not yet received. The cession of Messieurs Jay and Monroe and Dominick Lynch for ground wanted for Canal Street has not been completed. The Commissioners would further observe, that it has been necessary in order to open Canal Street to take the several buildings, which [60] have been valued by a jury and which should be disposed of in some way before the expences of said street can be ascertained, and the commissioners doubting their authority to sell the same, would suggest the propriety of the Corporation consenting, that the Commissioners should charge the Corporation with one third of such valuation. The Commissioners feel the more confident that the Corporation will deem this just and proper, considering, that the general law, under which the Corporation open streets, authorises the assessors to charge the corporation with one third of the valuation by a jury of all the buildings, which may be situate in any street to be opened, and it is presumable, that the Law under which the Commissioners act was intended to have been similar; but by some accident, the words do not convey distinctly that authority

The Commissioners addressed you a note on this subject on the 3d March, since which they have heard nothing from you. You, Sir, will be pleased to lay this communication before the Common Council, that they may take such order on the whole as they may think proper. You will easily perceive the necessity of a speedy attention to these various subjects, as it is impossible for the Commissioners to close their business before every thing here stated is settled.

We are respectfully &c

Samuel Russel
William H. Ireland
Daniel J. Ebbets

Whereupon resolved, that the Commissioners be informed, that this Board will agree to pay the one third part of such buildings as it may be necessary to remove in the forming of said street

On motion, resolved, that the City Inspector be authorised to direct any of the carts employed by this Board to remove such offensive matters, as he shall judge proper and necessary

[61] Ordered, that the petition of John N. Weathershine together with the report of the late Counsel and Street Commissioner thereon be referred to Mr Hawes Mr Hoghland The Comptroller & Street Commissioner

The Comptroller presented a lease of lot No 111 Chatham Street, to Joseph Rose, which having been examined by the Recorder, was directed to be executed

An account of the Manhattan Company for water furnished was referred to Mr Lawrance, Hoghland [&] Hawes.

The Comptroller reported cash in the Treasury..........	18.042.50	
Warrants not presented..................................	111.	
		$17.931.50

His Honour the Mayor was requested to issue warts for payt of the following sums

R. Graves Asst St Commr 1 month......................	50.
Adrian B. Holmes Do 18 Days	36.
Wm J. Waldron Collector 1 Quarter......................	152.18
Amos Rooke Keeper of Signal Poles.....................	82.50
J. Morton to pay for desk &c. Mayor's Office............	91.

S. Van Antwerp Ironmongery	25.86	
Israel Haviland repairing hose engines	400.81	
Thomas Scott, curb stone & intersections	65.15	
Assessors fees for Albany Basin	12.50	
John Hine repairing pumps 1st ward	24.50	
J. H. Sickles, New City Hall	3000.	
Halsey & Westervelt, balance due on bulkhead west side of Peck Slip	552.	
		4492.50

Balance........ $13.439.

[62] In Common Council May 14th 1810

Present Jacob Radcliff Esqr Mayor President

Peter Mesier	Esqrs Aldermen	Peter Hawes	Esqrs Assistants
Thomas Carpenter		Auge H. Lawrence	
Charles Dickinson 3d		Robert Bogardus	
James Roosevelt		William Hoghland	
William Torrey		Isaac S. Douglass	
Charles Dickinson 7th		Thomas Timpson	
Joseph Watkins		Edmund Kirby	
Nicholas Fish		Wm A Hardenbrook	
Mangle Minthorne		John Palmer	

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

This being the period of the quarterly visitation of the Alms House and the Bridewell, the Board proceeded to make the accustomed visit and inspection. Upon the return of the members, the following business was transacted

Petitions of Rose Campbell & Josiah Miller, stating, that they were in indigent circumstances and praying, that a licence to keep a tavern might be granted to them free from expence were referred together with all applications of the same nature to the Committee of Charity, with authority, from time to time, to grant the prayers of the applicants, in such cases as they might see fit.

A petition of sundry inhabitants of Stanton Street complaining of the situation of said street between Pitt and Ridge Streets; and also complaining of certain lots at the corner of Stanton & Pitt Streets belonging to Peter Ogilvie Esqr was received & referred to the Street Commissioner

A petition of the Inhabitants of Third Street, praying, that said street from Hester Street to Grand Street may be regulated and paved, and [63] that certain vacant lots in the Block bounded by Third and Fourth, Hester and Grand Streets may be inclosed was received and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Tenth Ward, the City Inspector and the Street Commissioner

A petition of William Sutton to be appointed a Wood Inspector was received & referred to the Committee on applications.

A petition was received from the Executors of Gerardus Deforest, praying permission to run out a dock to the extent of said Deforests Water grant at the lower end of Harrison Street was referred to the Street Commissioner & Comptroller

A petition of Conrad Jordan for payment of balance due him for paving Magazine Street was referred to the Street Commissioner

A petition of James D. Bisset, stating, that the Watch Committee had agreed to purchase from him a house at the corner of Chapel and Beach streets and praying payment of the amount of said purchase was received and referred to the Watch Committee

A representation shewing the necessity of a watch to be stationed at the corner of Charlotte & Henry Streets was received and referred to the Watch Committee

A petition for paving Walker Street between Church and Chapel Streets was received & referred to the Street Commissioner & City Inspector

A petition of the Scavengers employed by the Superintendants of Streets for an advance of their pay was received & referred to the Committee on Streets.

Petitions of William Slam, P. Blandine & G. Champinon for remission of fines incurred under the Sunday Law were referred to the Attorney of the Board

A petition from certain dealers in manure [64] praying that the ordinance for inspection of manure may be confined to manure belonging to the public was received & referred to the Committee on Laws: And on motion of M^r^ Bogardus, it was resolved, that the ordinance relative to the sale & inspection of manure, be applicable to the public manure only, till the further order of the Board.

M^r^ Kirby then proposed the following, Resolved, that so much of the ordinance relative to the public manure, as requires 16 Bushels to the load be suspended until the further order of the Board, and that the Inspectors be authorised to inspect 14 bushels to the Load. On the question to agree to the same, it passed in the negative

A petition from the inhabitants of the Fifth and Eighth wards, that a basin may be constructed and a ferry established at Spring Street Market was received & referred to the Aldermen & Assistants of the 5th and 8th wards & the Street Commissioner

A petition of Daniel Van Cott to be licenced to carry passengers from the Fly Market on board of vessels and to ferry passengers across the East river, after the hours limited by law for the passage of the Ferry Boats was received & ordered to lie on the Table

The following persons were appointed firemen, the chief Engineer certifying corresponding vacancies

Fire Engine Company N° 32

Elijah Stanberry Carpenter Bowery Lane 6th } Additional
Stephen Husted, Milkman Broome St 10th } Men

Edward Snouch carpenter N° 130 Bowery lane vice Peter Provost resigned

N° 6

John Baker, painter Chapel St 3d ward } additional men
John Hazard Mercht 295 Greenwich 5th }

N° 5

[65] William Beach Junior 27 Leonard 5th } additional men
Richard La Furgee Dock builder Chapel 3d }

N° 4

Thomas Shotwell Teacher, 112 William St 2d ward v. James Webb resigned.

The Market committee on the petition for constructing a basin between Duane and Jay Streets presented a report, which was directed to lie for further consideration

The Superintendants of streets in obedience to the direction of the Board presented a report on the subject of the Streets, which was referred to the Committee on Laws and ordinances.

The Committee on the complaint of the Butchers of Spring Street market reported, that the present sweeper had not done his duty and recommended, that Frederick Glashang be appointed to that office, which was agreed to.

The Street Commissioner presented an assessment for regulating and paving Spring Street from Broadway to Greenwich Street, which was confirmed & Benjamin C. Stevenson was appointed Collector.

The Street Commissioner presented an ordinance for regulating and paving Varick Street and Provost Street, which was passed. The appointment of Assessors was postponed till the next meeting of the Board.

The Street Commissioner presented the Assessment for Walker Street as amended by the Assessors, which was ordered to be published in the papers employed by the Board.

The City Inspector reported, that John English upon whom an ordinance had been served, had neglected to comply with the same. Whereupon ordered, that the Attorney of the Board institute a prosecution [66] against him and ordered, that on all future disobedience to the ordinances of this Board, the City Inspector be directed to give the names of the persons so refusing compliance to the Attorney of the Board, whose duty it shall be to prosecute on the same, without any further direction of the Board

The City Inspector reported, that there are two lots in Orange Street, which require to be filled up; but that after diligent enquiry he had not been able to find the owners of said lots. Whereupon ordered, that the City Inspector cause notice to be given of the ordinance requiring said lots to be filled up to be advertised in the papers employed by the Board

The City Inspector reported ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances from N° 5422 to N° 5427 inclusive, which were passed

The Committee on the petition of John N. Weathershine reported, "that in their opinion the sum claimed by him for damages is exorbitant. They recommend, that he be allowed and paid the sum of One Hundred and fifty dollars, provided he will accept of the same: Or that if he prefer it, that the matters in dispute between him and the Corporation, be submitted to arbitration

All which is respectfully submitted
Peter Hawes
William Hoghland
Samuel Stilwell S^t Com^r
G. N. Bleeker Compt^r

which report was agreed to

The Comptroller on the petitions of George Clinton & John M'Kesson and of John M'Kie was read, which was referred to the *Committee on Wharves, Slips and piers

[67] The Comptroller on the petition of Elbert Anderson Junior, reported, that, in his opinion, leave should be given to Archibald Taylor to transfer to said Anderson the lease of Lot N° 21 Augustus Street; but that it was not expedient to give a renewal of said lease to M^r Anderson at private sale; as the lease was within one year of expiring and the rule adopted by the Board of leasing their property at public auction was, in his opinion the most equitable and satisfactory to the public, which report was confirmed

The Committee, to whom the petition of the Trustees of the Brick Presbyterian Church, for a part of the public square in the rear of their

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* Marginal note reads *See 76*.—ED.

Church Yard, for the purpose of erecting a Free School; and also a remonstrance from the inhabitants in and about Little George Street against said petition reported, "That after viewing the ground and "taking the subject generally under consideration, they are of opinion "that the prayer of the petition for the erection of any building "whatever, on that ground would be extremely improper and therefore "inexpedient to grant the request, as great doubts have arisen in the "minds of the committee respecting the right of the Board to grant "or give away any ground, which has been ceded, & thrown out for "squares, streets or roads for public use and for public purposes.

"Your committee, however, considering the course that the pro-"ceedings have taken with respect to said petitioners beg leave to in-"form the Board, that the Corporation have a lot in Augustus Street "N° 21 (the lease of which expires 1st May next) every way suitable "for the purpose of said petitioners and recommend it to the Board to "grant said lot for said laudable purpose to the Trustees"

A H. Lawrence
(signed) Thos Carpenter } Committee
Wm Hoghland

which report was confirmed

[68] The Lamp Committee presented a report. Whereupon, resolved, that the Lamp District be divided into two departments, under the direction of the Lamp Committee and that they receive proposals for lighting the same respectively.

The Comptroller reported, that a quarters amount of Stephen Hitchcock's contract was due on the 1st of April last amounting to $1414 and that it was still unpaid: that the balance of $2560 was still due from Mr Johnson the last lessee of the slips. Whereupon ordered, that the first part of said report lie for consideration and that the attorney be directed to prosecute on Mr Johnson's contract.

The Committee, to whom was referred the remonstrance against building docks at Corlaer's Hook reported, that they had taken a particular view of the subject; and after mature deliberation are of opinion, that grants ought not to be given between Scammel Street and Walnut Street, to extend more than 270 feet from Water Street, and that seventy feet of that distance be reserved for a street.

All which &c
Charles Dickinson
signed Thomas Timpson
Samuel Stilwell St Comr
G. N. Bleeker Comptr

which report was confirmed.

The Watch Committee reported, that Henry Hardenbrook, John Gilman, William Murphy, Douglass Lewis and Alexander Latham of Captain Farrington's watch had resigned, and that having seen Thomas Fourbush, Elias Noe, Edward Hall & Joseph Brown recommended in their stead, and believing them competent to the duties, they recommend their appointment as watchmen, which was agreed to

Mr Bogardus presented the following Resolved, that a warrant issue in favour of James M'Mullen for $200 on account of the sum due for [69] his property taken to widen Banker Street

Ordered that the same be referred to the Comptroller and Street Commissioner and if the amount is due, that the Comptroller report a warrant for payment of the same.

The following was presented. Resolved, that Pearl Street between Banker & Chatham Streets be repaved, which was referred to the Street Commissioner

On motion resolved, that John Guest one of the Inspectors of wood be transferred from the Inspection district, to which he is now appointed to the district at the Corporation dock on the North River lately attended by Mr Tompkins now deceased acting in the place of Mr Payne, on condition, that he allow to the said Mr Payne the one third part of his receipts for inspection until the further order of this Board.

The Comptroller reported Cash in the Treasury	18.394.86
Warrants not presented	77.65
	18.317.21

Whereupon his Honour the Mayor was requested to issue his warrants for payment of the following sums, viz

Richard Furman Supt of Alms house	$4000.
Lawrance & Van Wart watch	474.32
Farrington and White Do	552.72
Goodheart & Hays Do	643.44
A. Otterson Asst St Commr 1 mo Salary	50.
Isaac Loofborrow regg clocks &c	66.66
Luke Persiany for care of mud machines	74.33
Montgomery & Elliot, Sunday services	30.
Mills & Brooks Do	16.50
Wm Wilmerding selling lots in Chatham Street	6.
[70] John M'Kie timber for Superintendant of repairs	24.82
Adolph Loss for surveying	14.
Thomas Scott, paving intersections	18.22
James Richardson, cleaning wells	22.21
Isaac Auld, lighting lamps	838.60
William Willis Coroners fees	160.79

Thomas Hazard to pay constables for bringing vagrants to Bridewell	$118.12	
Oliver Waldron, overseer of roads	243.95	
Jacob P. Roome Sup^{t} of repairs on account	750.	
Cha^{s} Mooney regulating &c Broadway	1500.	
Sam^{l} Barker filling sunken lots in Spring Street	505.72	
John M'Mullen for property taken to widen Banker Street	200.	
Thomas J. Marcein for balance of J Cholwell's acc^{t}	1284.97	
		11.595.37
	Balance in the Treasury	6.721.84

[71] In Common Council May 21st 1810

Present Jacob Radcliff Esq^{r} Mayor President

Peter Mesier	Esq^{s} Aldermen	Samuel Jones Jun^{r}	Esq^{s} Assistants
Thomas Carpenter		Peter Hawes	
Charles Dickinson 3d		Aug^{e} H. Lawrence	
James Roosevelt		Robert Bogardus	
John Bingham		William Hoghland	
William Torrey		Thomas Timpson	
Charles Dickinson 7th		Edmund Kirby	
Joseph Watkins		W^{m} A Hardenbrook	
Mangle Minthorne		John Palmer	

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Remonstrances were received from Abraham Child, George Wragg and James Barclay, against the assessment for extending Walker Street and were laid for further consideration

A petition of James Fonerden for a well corner of Broadway & Bowery was received and granted on the usual terms under the direction of the Alderman & Assistant of the 8th ward & the Superintendant of repairs.

A petition from Mary Alexander for a huckster's stand in Hudson Market was referred to the Market Committee

A petition of Joseph Conklin for pay^{t} of balance due for paving Rynder Street was referred to the Street Commissioner

A memorial from sundry inhabitants complaining of a Sugar House in Leonard Street was received. Whereupon resolved, that it is inexpedient for the Board to act in the premises

A petition of inhabitants residing in Cross & Magazine Streets complaining of a nuisance at the South side of the Collect was received & referred [72] to the Alderman and Assistant of the Sixth ward, the Alderman of the Fifth Ward, the City Inspector and the Street Commissioner

A petition from the inhabitants of Chapel Street praying that said street may be regulated from Leonard to Lispenard Street, and that bridges may be placed over the Cross Streets was referred to the Street Commissioner & Superintendant of repairs.

A petition from the Collectors of taxes, praying a further compensation for collection was received. Whereupon resolved, that this Board cannot interfere in the premises

Leave was given to Joseph Corré, to construct a vault in front of his building in State Street under the direction of the Alderman and Assistant of the first ward and the Street Commissioner

A representation was received from Richard Upson and C° that upon digging the vault in Broadway, for which the Board had given permission, the earth, on account of the extreme looseness of the soil was constantly caving in, which made the passage of carriages dangerous. They, therefore, requested to prevent the passage of carriages for a few days. Which was agreed to on condition of the permission extending no longer than for the present week

A petition for regulating Lewis Street from Delancey Street 250 feet towards Rivington St was received & referred to the Street Commissioner

Petitions of Daniel Woolsey & Walter Allen praying that warrants might issue for collecting a balance due them for sinking piers at Burling Slip and Fly Market Slips were received and ordered to lie for consideration

A petition to regulate Willet Street from Stanton Street to North Street was received & referred [73] to the Street Commissioner

A petition of Joshua Barker, that his Son Joshua Barker Junior might be appointed a Sealer of weights and measures was granted

A petition from Saml Lawrance, Levi Coit, and John Murray on the subject of extending the piers at the Albany Basin, wherein they propose doing the same at their own expence, provided the Corporation permit them to receive the wharfage of the same until the Board shall repay to them the expences incurred was received. Whereupon resolved, that the same together with the former petition on this subject & the report of the Committee thereon made at the last meeting be referred to the Committee on wharves, slips and piers

The Attorney of the Board on the several petitions of P. Blandin, G. Champinon & William Slam Junior reported against granting the prayer of said petitioners, which was agreed to.

An objection to the assessment on Collect St was received from Leonard Fisher. The Committee, to whom the said subject had been committed now presented a report. Whereupon it was resolved, that the said assessment, the objections thereto and the said report be referred to M^r^ Jones Alderman Mesier & M^r^ Bogardus.

The Street Commissioner represented, that he had been informed, that some hydraulical improvements had been lately made in and about the City of Philadelphia, and for the purpose of viewing the same and making such drafts as might be useful to this city, he requested leave of absence for a few days, which was granted.

The Market Committee, on the petition of Henry Sparling for stall N° 3 Fly Market reported, that as the stall is vacant and the petitioner of good character [74] they recommend granting to him said stall, which was agreed to

The City Inspector reported ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances from N° 5428 to N° 5434 which were passed

The following person was appointed fireman, the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancy.

Engine Company N° 27

Asher Martin Shoemaker corner Green & Provost Streets v John S. Dusenbury resigned

A petition of Leonard Lispenard & Alexander L. Stewart for himself and Sarah B. Bache, stating, that the new line of Canal Street naturally varies their water grant & praying a new water grant to correspond, with said Canal Street was received and referred to the Aldermen & Assistants of the 5th & 8th wards the ferry committee and the Street Commissioner.

On motion resolved, that the Clerk of this Board, out of the monies he shall receive, be authorised from time to time to pay such accounts not exceeding $20, as he shall judge proper, reporting such payments & presenting the vouchers therefor to the Board, weekly.

On motion resolved, that the Committee appointed on the petition for filling up Peck Slip, do report thereon at the next meeting of the Board

Ordered, that the several reports of the Street Commissioner presented this evening lie till the next meeting.

*The report of the Committee, on the petition for building a basin between Duane and Jay Streets was called up and read.

On the question to agree to the report, it passed in the negative. Whereupon M^r^ Hoghland gave notice, that he would at the next meeting of the Board, move for a reconsideration of the vote taken on said subject

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* Marginal note reads *For this report, see Page 79*.—ED.

The Committee, to whom was refereed the petition [75] of David Hosack reported, " that they find the quit rent reserved on the ground occupied as a Botanic garden amounts to sixteen bushels of wheat per annum and that [at] an average of $1 $^{25}/_{100}$ per bushel, it will require a capital of 285 $^{71}/_{100}$ Dollars to yield an equal revenue

Your Committee, however, considering the smallness of the sum and feeling disposed to cooperate with the legislature in their laudable and generous views of devoting this institution to the benefit of the medical schools of this city and also to remunerate, as far as practicable, the patriotic contributions of time, talents and labour, which Doctor Hosack has so unceasingly bestowed on this object, recommend, that the quit rent reserved in the Botanic garden be remitted or released, so as to enable Doctor Hosack to comply with the act of the Legislature, which requires a conveyance of the same, should be made free from all incumbrances. All which is submitted

Peter Mesier
May 21st 1810 John Bingham
James Roosevelt

Whereupon, it was moved, that the quit rent be released to him on paying an equivalent therefor, which was agreed to. It was then moved, that the sum to be paid therefor be $400. On the question to agree to the same a division having been called thereon, it passed in the negative in the manner following

Negative				Affirmative		
Alderman	Mesier	Mr Jones		Alderman	Torrey	
	Dickinson 3d	Lawrence			Dickinson 7th	
	Roosevelt	Bogardus		Mr	Hawes	
	Bingham	Kirby	9		Hoghland	
	Watkins				Timpson	
					Hardenbrook	
					Palmer	7

It was then moved, that the sum to be paid be $285.71

[76] On the question to agree to the same, it was carried in the affirmative in the manner following

Affirmative				Negative		
Alderman	Mesier	Mr Jones		Alderman	Torrey	
	Dickinson 3d	Lawrence			Dickinson 7th	
	Roosevelt	Bogardus		Mr	Hawes	
	Bingham	Kirby			Hoghland	
	Watkins	Palmer	10		Timpson	
					Hardenbrook.	6

*The Committee on the petition of George Clinton and John M'Kesson & of John M'Kie reported, that the following facts stated in the Comptroller's report they find correct viz " that according to the grant made 18th Novr 1773 to the Rector &c of the Episcopal Church, under whom the petitioners hold, there was conveyed 200 feet from low water mark into the river, leaving Greenwich Street 66 feet in breadth along high water mark, also another street of forty† feet from the said street, at high water mark to be called Second Street (at which distance low water mark is deemed.

Likewise another street of 40 feet in breadth at the outward or westernmost part of the 200 feet beyond Low water mark, fronting to Hudson's river, to be called Third Street. It appears, that in consequence of West Street being located, considerably further West, than was formerly contemplated, there is a space not granted in front of the petitioner's Lots, and between the grant, under which they hold, and West Street. Had the pe[r]manent line been established at the end of the 200 feet granted, the proprietors would then have had only a street of forty feet in width, to make agreeably to the terms of the grant.

But in consequence of extending West Street [77] further out, in order to produce uniformity in the range of the permanent line, the applicants will be obliged to build in much deeper water, at a great expense and to make a street of 70 feet wide, besides making and extending Warren Street about 260 feet in length and upwards of 30 feet in width.

From the peculiar circumstances of this case, the subscriber would respectfully state, the facts to the Board, as it may be a question whether it would be just to charge the petitioners any further quit rent, in consequence of the extension of West Street beyond the original line, contemplated to be the permanent boundary "

The Committee, therefore, recommended, that the grant prayed for by the petitioners be issued to them respectively free of any additional quit rent beyond what is reserved by the former grant. Which report as far as related to Mr M'Kie was agreed to. The part relating to Messieurs Clinton & M'Kesson was referred back to the Committee to obtain their consent to remove obstructions from the street.

The Committee on the petition of the Inhabitants of Cherry Street for opening a street from the Westerly side of the Friends Meeting House to Roosevelt St reported, that Archibald Kerley one of the proprietors of the ground, through which the within mentioned Street

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* Marginal note reads *87*.—ED.

† Marginal note reads *in breadth at the distance of 160 feet*.—ED.

would run, objects to the same being laid out. To force the same would cost a very large sum & as the improvement would principally be a private advantage, Although a very desirable improvement yet the undersigned cannot recommend that the same be opened according to the act, which would necessarily cause a general assessment, as in ordinary cases.

James Roosevelt
Robert Bogardus.

Which report was agreed to.

[78] M^r^ Bogardus presented the following resolution, respecting the renewal of cartmens licences.

Resolved, that upon any future renewal of licences to cartmen, the same shall be granted upon their paying the expences attending such renewal only; and in order to fix an amount to cover such expence, that thirty seven and an half cents and no more be charged upon each renewal of a cartman's licence

Resolved, that when new licences are granted to cartmen, they shall pay the fees heretofore charged in such cases. which was agreed to

M^r^ Bogardus also presented resolutions regulating the driving of horses & carriages within the City, which were agreed to and referred to the Committee on Laws & Ordinances to report an ordinance thereon at the next meeting of the Board.

On motion of M^r^ Hawes, " Resolved, that the Comptroller, Street Commissioner and Attorney of the Board, be directed to enquire into the reasons, which have prevented the running out a pier on the west side of Charlotte Slip so as to complete the said slip, pursuant to a resolution of the Board, directing the State Commissioner to report the draft of an ordinance for that purpose, and that they report thereon at the next meeting of the Board. And that the same committee also enquire into the propriety of running out a pier on the South side of Rutger's Slip and report thereon at the next meeting of the Board " which report was agreed to

The committee, to whom was referred the report of the Comptroller on the Election expences reported,

That the act of the legislature for regulating elections provides for a compensation for the services of Clerks, Constables & Marshals, attending elections; but is silent as to the Inspectors. The duties of inspectors being equally arduous and of much greater responsibility [79] than any other officers employed, the Committee can see no reason, why the inspectors should be precluded. In order to regulate the expences of election, they respectfully offer to the board for their consideration, the following resolutions

Resolved, that the order of the Board, precluding inspectors of elections from compensation for their services be and is hereby repealed.

Resolved, that each Inspector of elections, including those of the last election be allowed and paid at and after the rate of two dollars per day and that all constables and marshals for their attendance, shall be paid at and after the rate of one dollar and fifty cents per day and each and every clerk for his services, shall be paid at and after the rate of two dollars per day, for the precise time for the services of each and every inspector, constable, marshal and clerk, not exceeding four days for each, which shall be ascertained by a certificate signed by the Inspectors of the different wards"

Committee of Finance } (Signed) A H Lawrence
14th May 1810 }

which report was agreed to.

* The Committee, to whom was referred the petition for building a pier in the Basin between Duane and Jay streets reported, that they had viewed and made a survey of the said basin and find the width thereof to be 312 feet, which will admit of a pier of 30 feet wide and leave 141 feet on each side. The Committee are, therefore, of opinion, that a middle pier in that basin would be a great improvement and more especially as there are L's at the end of each of the side piers; if a sixty feet block should be sunk across the end of the middle pier, it would contract the passage on each side to 52½ feet & *and* render the harbour safe in tempestuous weather

May 14th 1810 Signed William Hoghland
Samuel Stilwell

[80] The Comptroller reported Cash in the Treasury		13,065.
Warrants not presented		4.305.32
	Balance	$7333.60
Jacob Delamontagnie late Special Justice to 8th March	147.94	
James Warner Do Do	147.94	
G. N. Bleeker Comptr 1 quarters salary &c	258.	
Thomas Hazard 1 Qr Salary keeper of City prison for self & 2 turnkeys	437.50	
George F. Hopkins Stationary	9.19	
Richard Burchan furnishing list of passengers 6 months	25.	
Josiah Ogden Hoffman counsel fee in a suit of Delamontagnie vs Clarkson	30.	

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* Marginal note reads *See Page 74.*—ED.

Nathan Sanford Interest on bond	140.	
Thomas Smith repairing pumps 7th & eighth wards	109.75	
J. H. Sickles, Treasurer New City Hall	3000.	
Charles Dickinson Treasurer of Bd of Health	300.	
		4605.32
	Balance in Treasy	*2428.28

[81] In Common Council May 28th 1810

Present Jacob Radcliff Esqr Mayor President

Peter Mesier	Esqrs Aldermen	Samuel Jones, Junr	Esqrs Assistants
Thomas Carpenter		Augе H. Lawrence	
John Bingham		William Hoghland	
William Torrey		Isaac S. Douglass	
Charles Dickinson		William Timpson	
Joseph Watkins		Edmund Kirby	
Mangle Minthorne		Wm A. Hardenbrook	

The minutes of last meeting were read & approved.

A petition of Edward Magan, praying payment of balance due for paving South and Thomas Streets and Catharine market was received and referred to the Street Commissioner

A complaint was received from Christopher Briehl, stating, that he had taken up a person, who had made a violent assault upon him on his premises on the night of the 18th instant with an intention, as he believed to commit a felony; that he delivered him over to Captain White of the second watch district, who suffered the prisoner to depart. Ordered to be referred to the Watch Committee

Petitions were received for sinking a well at the corner of Greenwich and Hammersley Streets for a well between Birmingham and George Streets & also for a well near the market in Grand Street, which were severally granted upon the usual terms under the direction of the Aldermen and Assistants of the respective wards and the Superintendant of repairs.

A petition of Abraham Potts for payment for regulating Greenwich Street was referred to the Street Commissioner

A petition of the inhabitants of Harlaem for the appointment of persons as †viewers & appraisers [82] of damages committed by cattle was received & referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the 9th ward.

A petition of Frederick Beenhawer complaining, that an encroach-

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* An error in computation is apparent here.—Ed.

† Marginal note reads *fence viewers*.—Ed.

ment had been made upon the Lot purchased by him from the Corporation by the proprietor of the adjoining lot & praying the interference of the Board. Ordered, that the same be referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Ninth Ward, the Comptroller and the Street Commissioner

A petition of the inhabitants of Maiden Lane for repaving the same was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Second and Third wards and the Street Commissioner

A petition from the inhabitants of Jacob and Frankfort Streets, stating, that the sewer in Jacob Street was much decayed and praying, that a new drain or sewer might be constructed was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Fourth ward & the Street Commissioner & Superintendant of repairs.

The attorney of the Board, on his application was authorised to employ counsel in the cause of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty vs. Drake

The Comptroller laid before the Board an application of John D. Miller to receive the deed for the lots purchased by him at the Collect on payment of the remainder of the purchase money (part of which is not due till November 1811) the Comptroller deducting there from the amount paid by him for ground, at the Inclenbergh, of which lot he alledges, that he never received possession. Ordered, that the deed be given on payment of the purchase money; but that the deduction prayed for cannot be made.

Petitions, in behalf of George Culbert & David Enny, who are minors (but who are the support of their parents & families) to receive licence as cartmen were received and referred to M^r^ Lawrence, Alderman Mesier and M^r^ Hoghland

[83] Petitions of Elenor N. Licott, Margaret Sutton & of Sarah Harvey for Huckster's Stands in the market, of William Nichols to sell meat by the quarter, of William Mooney to be permitted to have a stall near Corlaer's Hook Market and of Samuel B. Hine for stall N° 28 in Fly Market were received & referred to the Market Committee

A petition was received from George Codwise and others, praying, that the Board would reconsider the determination upon their former application for permission to dock out in front of the ground at Corlaer's Hook was referred to the committee on wharves, slips & piers

Alderman Carpenter was appointed Chairman of the Committee on wharves, slips & piers, during the absence of Alderman Roosevelt

A petition of Gilbert Horton was received, stating, that one Abraham Furman in the yard adjoining his premises kept some hundreds of poultry and a number of swine, which were extremely offensive and dangerous to the health of the neighbourhood. Ordered, that the same be referred to the City Inspector with directions to cause the nuisance to be abated

A petition of Henry M'farlane to be appointed Fire Warden of the Third Ward was referred to the Committee on the Fire Department

A memorial of the Inhabitants of the Fifth ward for the establishment of a ferry at the foot of Duane Street was referred to the Alderman of the Fifth Ward, the ferry committee and the Street Commissioner

A list from Jonathan Randel Junior Collector of the 9th ward, of taxes on real estate uncollected by him together with his deposition in conformity to law was received and ordered to lie for consideration.

A petition of John Cunningham to be appointed an Inspector of Lumber was received & granted

A request from the heirs of Samuel Kip deceased, that the corporation would direct a portion of a fence at [84] *at* Bellevue to be run out between the ground of said heirs and the Corporation. Ordered, that the same be referred to the Road Committee

A petition of the Inhabitants of Warren Street, praying the removal of a building corner of Warren and Greenwich Streets was referred to the Street Commissioner, with directions to report an ordinance agreeably to the prayer of the petition

A communication from the Commissioners for laying out Canal Street was received, stating that the amount of the verdicts of the juries for ground & buildings wanted for Canal Street was \$102.901 $^{55}/_{100}$ which verdicts were confirmed by the court on the 2d day of March last, excepting the verdict in favour of the heirs of Anthony Lispenard, amounting to \$8798 $^{30}/_{100}$, which was confirmed on the 28th April. Ordered, that the same be referred to Aldn Dickinson 7th, Mesier, Bingham & The Comptroller

The following person was appointed a fireman, the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancy

Fire Engine Company No 23

John V. Gridley Carpenter corner of Thomas & Chapel Streets 5th ward v. James Whitfield resigned

His Honour the Mayor laid before the Board a memorandum he had received from the recorder of the City of Albany, wishing to know whether this Board would unite with the Corporation of Albany in causing the road between this city & Albany to be accurately measured. Ordered, that the same be referred to the Road Committee

The Market Committee, on the petition of M^rs^ Porter, recommended, that a permit be given to her to sit in Catharine Market, as a huckster, which was agreed to

The Committee on the petition of Hook & Ladder [85] Company N° 1 reported, that they would recommend, that a new house be erected for them adjoining to the Engine House of N° 3 in Wall Street, which was agreed to and the Superintendant of repairs was directed to cause the same to be built

The same Committee, on the petition of Fire Engine Company N° 1 praying for an addition of four men to their company, reported, that the prayer of the petition should be granted, which was agreed to

The Committee, on the petition for a basin at Spring Street market reported it as their opinion, that a basin should be erected, agreeably to the terms of the grant, under the direction of the Committee on wharves, slips and piers and the Street Commissioner to be so run out as not to interfere with or obstruct the proposed canal

John Bingham
William Hoghland
signed Joseph Watkins
Thomas Carpenter
Edmund Kirby

Whereupon ordered, that the said report lie for further consideration

M^r^ Hoghland now agreeably to notice, moved for a reconsideration of the vote of the last meeting on the subject of a basin between Duane and Jay Streets, when it was agreed to reconsider the same. It was then moved, that the farther consideration thereof be postponed till the next meeting, which was agreed to

The Alderman and Assistant of the Tenth Ward and the City Inspector, on the petition for fencing in the block between Third & Fourth Streets and between Broome and Grand Streets, reported that the block complained of by the petitioners as being in an offensive state, did not appear to the committee to be in that light: that should it, at any time hereafter become a nuisance, it would then be right to prepare an ordinance for remedy thereof

[86] Which report was confirmed

On the report of the Watch Committee, William Jackson was appointed a watchman of the 3^d district, in place of Cornelius Post suspended by Captain Hays for sleeping on his post

The Attorney & Comptroller presented a report on the subject of Charlotte & Rutgers Slip, which was referred to them. Ordered, that the same be referred to the Recorder and the Attorney of the Board

Captain White reported, that he had suspended John Fredericks for being asleep on his post and Thomas Overton & Richard Van Voorhis for quarrelling, whilst on duty. Ordered to be referred to the Watch Committee

A report from the City Watch on the situation of the lamps was referred to the Lamp Committee

The Lamp Committee presented sundry proposals for lighting the lamps of the city, which had been offered to them

Ordered, that it be referred to the said committee to report which, in their opinion, is the most proper person to take the contract.

The City Inspector reported drafts of ordinances N^o 5435 & 5436 for correction of nuisances, which were passed

The Road committee suggested to the Board the propriety of ordering those convicts, who had been sentenced to labour on the roads to be immediately employed, which was agreed to, and the Road Committee were directed to report to the Board the names of the applicants for the office of Superintendants of said convicts, together with their opinion as to the most suitable person to be employed in that station

The Charity Committee, to whom several applications for licenses to keep tavern without paying the usual fee were referred, reported, That every information [87] obtained respecting Caleb Beach, Sarah Miller, Eliza Jenkinson, John Germain & Rose Campbell proves them to be very poor, though honest and calculated with a little aid to maintain themselves and families in the way proposed. Your Committee, therefore recommend the granting to them licences to keep a tavern without demanding the usual fee. And as to all similar cases, referred at and since the last meeting of the Board, Your Committee beg leave to suggest the vesting a discretion in this respect in his Honour the Mayor, who will and more easily can, acquire satisfactory information than any committee

Peter Mesier
Isaac S. Douglass
Edmund Kirby

which report was agreed to.

The Committee of Wharves, Slips & piers on the *petition of John M'Kesson & George Clinton for a water grant reported, that they had made the cession required to remove the obstruction complained of and therefore recommend, that the grant issue to them agreeably to their former report. Which report was confirmed.

The same committee, on the petition of Samuel Lawrance and others relative to running out piers at the Albany Basin reported, that the applicants for the said improvements to be made, agree to advance the money required for defraying the proportionable part of the expence thereof to be paid by the Corporation; the same to be repaid at the expiration of four years and secured by the bond of the Corporation and to bear interest at the rate of six per cent per annum.

S. Jones Chairman pro tem
Edmund Kirby

which report was agreed to, and the Street Commissioner directed, in conjunction with the proprietors to advertize for contract for making said piers

[88] The Comptroller reported Cash in the Treasury	25.586.68
Warrants not presented	441.83
	25.144.85

Whereupon his Honour the Mayor was requested to issue his warrants for payment of the following accounts

Lawrance & Van Wart Watch	474.32	
Farrington & White Do	552.72	
Goodheart & Hays Do	643.44	
W. Fish for Clerks of election	156.	
B Skaats & Asst 24th instant	111.81	
W. Fish for Clerks of election	156.	
Abner Curtis for marshals &c of Do	348.	
Thomas Freeborn & Wm W Lyon 13 Sundays in Sixth ward	39.	
Evening Post 6 mos subscription 16th inst	37.50	
Joshua Barker for a kettle &c for Bridewell	38.32	
Davis Blackley repairing pumps 4th & 6th wards	121.50	
George Collis Iron work Do	34.28	
P. & G. Lorillard, interest on bonds	716.10	
Richard Furman Supt of Alms House	3000.	
Jacob P. Roome, Superintendant of repairs	250.	
Thomas Scott on acct of Lombardy Park	150.	
Joseph Kemball, painting tin &c for streets certified by the Supt of repairs	128.22	
		6926.21
	Bale in Treasury	18,218,64

Adjourned to meet on Wednesday the 30th instant at 4 o'clock afternoon

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* Marginal note reads *76*.—ED.

[89] In Common Council May 30th 1810

Present Jacob Radcliff Esq^{r} Mayor President

Peter Mesier
Thomas Carpenter
Charles Dickinson 3^{d}
John Bingham
William Torrey
Charles Dickinson 7th
Joseph Watkins
Mangle Minthorne
Esq^{rs} Aldermen

Samuel Jones jun^{r}
Aug^{e} H. Lawrance
W^{m} Hoghland.
Edmund Kirby
W^{m} A. Hardenbrook
John Palmer
Esq^{rs}

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

The Committee, who were appointed to make an arrangement with the several persons, whose awards for ground & building taken for Canal Street would shortly become due reported, " that, as far as possible, they have attended to the duty assigned them; and that of the 102,901 $^{55}/_{100}$ dollars to be provided for, they have procured from the several persons, to whom money was coming their assent in writing (which is herewith submitted) to accept the bonds of the corporation payable within one year from the date with lawful interest to the amount of \$76,454 $^{14}/_{100}$. And in consequence of the Corporation of Trinity Church, not having provided an agent to act in this respect, and finding all their officers unwilling to commit themselves, so far as to sign the written proposition tendered them, we were compelled to accept of such assurances as left in the opinion of your committee no reason to apprehend any difficulty would arise from this quarter, should even the 21914 $^{33}/_{100}$ awarded not be formally tendered as the law requires. Should, therefore, Walter Bowne, who has promised to give a specific answer to morrow assent to take a bond also, there will then remain to be paid in Cash, on the 2^{d} of June next only the small sum of 1984 $^{6}/_{100}$ dollars

[90] Your Committee would beg leave to recommend that the Law Officer of the Board be asked, whether, in his opinion, we are by the law compelled to pay the whole amount awarded, or only the balance, which may be due, after deducting the assessment. And if only the balance whether we have a right to deduct the assessment on all property belonging to the individual and comprehended in the assessment district or only such as may be contiguous to the street"

signed
Peter Mesier
John Bingham
G. N. Bleeker Compt^{r}
Charles Dickinson

Amount of the award of Juries for ground & buildings taken for Canal Street in December 1809 and March 1810

[91]

Nº	Proprietors	Feet of ground	Value of ground	Buildings	Total Amount Dols	Cts	
1	John M'Cammon	2500	3000	1250	4250		Corner B. Way & Canal St
2d	Thomas Duggan	5200	5408				
3d	Ditto	14112. 7	5645.20		11774	80	Do
4th	Ditto	1804. 3	721.60				
5th	Walter Bowne	4808. 3	1922.40		1922	40	Phœnix Office
6th	George J. Warner	638. 9	265.60				Bowery
7th	Daniel Banvard			525	525		Canal Street
8th	Peter Lorrillard	284. 3	136.32		136	32	Chatham Street
	James Halliday			800	800		Church Street
9th	Peter Lorillard	303. 6	145.44		145	44	Confirmed March 2d 1810
	Thomas M'Conoughy			900	900		Canal Street
10th	James Walker	737. 7	371.52		371	52	Hudson corner North Moore St
11th	Widow Archer	381. 2	274.32	2.200	2474	32	Canal Street
12th	Peter Lorillard	433.11	305.28		305	28	Chatham Street
	Samuel Sears			1250	1250		Corner Canal & Church Sts
13	James Walker	442. 5	212.16		212	16	
14	Van Geison & Van Blarcom	1517. 7			728	16	
15	Walter Bowne	772.11			371	4	
16	Peter Lorillard	1096. 5	526.8	150	676	8	
17	Van Geison & Van Blarcom	575.10			276	48	
[92]19	Samuel Jones Junr	2568.10			[93]2671	76	Wall St
20	Miller & Baker	3358. 2			2417	76	Corner Chamber & Washington Sts
24	William M'Kenny	363.10			262	8	near Albany Basin
25	John Ashfield	1125			810		William St Nº 196
26	Estate of Lispenard Lease	21247	8498.80	300	8798	80	Confirmed 28th April 1810
28	Ditto	16568. 4	7952.64	300	8252	64	
29	William Quick	11. 4			5	28	
30	John R. Johnson	673			1009	50	190 Washington Street
31	Ditto Lease				850		
31	Estate of Lispenard soil	1734			1734		
32	Ditto soil	2610.10			2611		

N^o	Proprietors	Feet of ground	Value of ground	Build-ings	Total Amount Dol^s	Ct^s	
	James Brown lease			1000	1000		
33	Leonard Lispenard soil	2725			2398		
	Edward J. Ball			2500	2500		Greenwich above Lispenards
34	James Neilson	2370.11	2845.20	500	3345	20	452 Greenwich S^t
35	Estate of Lispenard	2245.10½			2695	20	
36	Ditto	9840			7872		Confirmed 2^d March 1810
37	Ditto	8900			2670		
38	Corp^n of Trinity church	8301. 3			3420		Tho^s Barrow Robinson S^t
39	Ditto	2095			1200		
40	Ditto	2301.10			1130		
41	Ditto	27880. 5			12300		
26	Ditto Soil	21247. 3			1400		
27	Ditto	4439. 5			2460		
	55$\frac{9}{12}$ of N^o 27 under lease				4	33	
18	James Walker	79. 2			33		
21	Grove Wright	1207. 4			1000		19 Hudson
22	John J Westervelt	759. 5			550		At Alms House
23	Abraham Bloodgood	311. 6			100		Frankfort S^t
	Estate of A Lispenard Lease hold right	in N^o 27			26	40	
					102901	55	

[94] Whereupon resolved, that the report & proceedings of said committee be confirmed and that the bonds of this corporation issue agreeably thereto. Also ordered, that the sums awarded to be due to those persons, who have not subscribed the agreement reported by said committee be tendered according to law by the Treasurer and Comptroller in the presence of witnesses and that his Honour the Mayor issue his warrants upon the Treasurer for said amounts. And further ordered, that this business be transacted under the direction of the former committee & that Mr Jones be added to said committee

The Committee, to whom was referred the petition of sundry persons (minors) for licences to drive carts presented a report. On the question to agree *to agree* to the same, it passed in the negative.

Ordered, that his Honour the Mayor issue his warrants for payment of the following sums

Walter Bowne for ground taken for Canal Street by award of Jury		1922.40
Estate of James Walker deceased	Do	616.68
William M'Kinney	Do	262. 8
William Quick	Do	5.28
Abraham Bloodgood	Do	100.
James Brown	Do	1000.
Walter Bowne.	Do	371. 4
		$4277.48

[95] In Common Council June 4th 1810

Present

Peter Mesier
Thomas Carpenter
Charles Dickinson 3d
John Bingham
William Torrey
Charles Dickinson 7th
Joseph Watkins
Nicholas Fish
Mangle Minthorne
Esqrs Aldermen

Samuel Jones Junr
Peter Hawes
Auge H. Lawrence
Robert Bogardus
Isaac S. Douglass
William Hoghland
Edmund Kirby
Wm A. Hardenbrook
John Palmer
Esqrs Assistants

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Petitions were received from James Worth and John Barnes, praying remission of a sentence of imprisonment, which had been inflicted upon them by the Court of Sessions. Ordered, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petitions

An application from Cornelius Ray and Anthony L. Bleeker Commissioners of the Loan Office for payment of interest on a mortgage from George B. Ewart was received & referred to the Recorder and Comptroller

A petition of Abraham Furman to be permitted to continue his poultry yard in Jackson's Alley was received. Ordered, that he have leave to withdraw his petition

A petition of Rosanna Hoggan for permission to have a fruit stand corner of James & Chatham Streets was received. Ordered that the petitioner have leave to withdraw her petition

A petition of Rudolphus Kent Innkeeper, that the Board would authorise him to prepare their anniversary dinner on the 4th July next was received and ordered to lie on the table.

A petition from Zachariah Sickles was received praying, that he might be permitted to continue [96] during his lease of this year, a house in Warren Street, against which a petition was now before the board. Ordered, that he have leave to withdraw his petition

A petition of Thomas Storm, praying, that Stone Street may be widened was received & referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 1st ward & the Street Commissioner

A petition from a number of inhabitants near Spring Street Market, praying the establishment of a fire engine at that place was received & referred to the Committee on the Fire Department

A petition of Peter Ogilvie and William Hunter, praying an enforcement of the ordinance directing the said Peter Ogilvie and Carey Ludlow and George Janeway to make bulkhead at Corlaer's Hook was received & referred to the Recorder & Street Commissioner

A remonstrance of the proprietors of ground in Mercer and Green Streets against the present regulation of the same was received & referred to the Committee on Streets and the Street Commissioner

A petition from the inhabitants of the Eastern side of Courtlandt Street, praying, that the pump at the junction of said street and Broadway might be removed to the opposite side of the Street was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 3d ward and the Superintendant of repairs

A petition of the proprietors of ground in Lispenard Street, praying that said street may be regulated and paved from Church to Chapel Streets was received and referred to the Street Commissioner

A petition of the inhabitants of Mott Street praying, that said street may be paved from Spring to Prince Street was received and referred to the Street Commissioner

A petition of the inhabitants of Spring and Mott Streets, praying that the Water courses may be changed so [97] *so* as to discharge the waters through Mott Street instead of Spring Street was referred to the Street Commissioner

A remonstrance of sundry inhabitants against the occupants of store Nº 196 Front Street for encumbering the walk was referred to the Street Commissioner with special directions to remedy the evil

A petition was received from John Taylor praying payment of ground taken for opening Albany Avenue. Ordered to lie on the table

A request of Peter Ludlow to construct a vault in Church Street corner of Vesey Street was granted under the direction of the Alderman and Assistant of the ward and the Street Commissioner

A remonstrance of sundry inhabitants residing near the new Arsenal, complaining of certain persons beating drums at late hours of the night was referred to the City Inspector

A petition of Henry Owens for a butcher's licence and for the stand Nº 32 Hudson Market was referred to the Market Committee

A petition of sundry butchers, complaining of the practice of selling meats in private stalls in the Streets was referred to the Committee on the petition of Thomas Hobbs of 30th April last, viz the Market Committee

The following persons were appointed firemen, the Chief Engineer certifying the corresponding vacancies viz

Engine Company Nº 1

James Young, Cabinet maker Harrison Street 5th ward v. John M'Intyre resigned

Daniel Westervelt Mason, Chamber St
Daniel Underhill corner of Chamber & Chappel
Paul Poulis Stone cutter 109 Reed St
William Adams mason 160 Reed St
} Additional members

Nº 3

John Van Bussum, grocer, Partition Street 3d ward v [98] *v* Abraham Quick resigned

Nº 14

William Stackhouse, chairmaker Partition Street, Third ward v. Ellis Van Antwerp gone to sea

Nº 26

Henry H. Gittell carpenter, Hester Street 10th ward v. John Covert resigned

A petition from the inhabitants near the Corporation Dock at the Hudson Market for a pier to be run out in said basin was referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the 3d ward and the Street Commissioner

The Treasurer and the Comptroller presented the following report

The Subscribers have the honour to report, that agreeably to the order of the Board passed the 30th ultimo, they have tendered according to law the sums awarded to be due to such as had not agreed to accept the Bonds of the Corporation, for the amount of ground taken to open Canal Street

Warrants were issued, in favour of the following persons, which have been accepted by them or their representatives.

Walter Bowne	1922.40	
	371. 4	
		2293.44
Estate of James Walker		616.68
William M'Kinney		262. 8
William Quick		5.28
James Brown		1000.
		$4177.48

A warrant was also passed for Abraham Bloodgood 100 which amount he refused to receive when tendered to him the 1st instant

The Subscribers called at the house of Mr David M. Clarkson, Treasurer of the Corporation of Trinity Church and found, that he was absent from the [99] city. They also waited on Mr Barrow and were informed, that there was no person authorised to accept of arrangements relative to Canal Street. The rest of the persons interested in this business have signed the agreement to accept bonds

W. Fish
G. N. Bleeker Comptroller

The above was ordered to be filed

The Committee on the petition of the inhabitants of Cross Street & Magazine Street reported, that, as there was no probability of the ordinance being complied with by Mr Stockholm, which directed the filling up of certain sunken lots, supposed to belong to him, in Cross Street, and the time limited by the said ordinance having now expired, they recommended, that the said lots be filled up and fenced in and that the expences thereof be a lien on the property, and also that a trench or drain be dug from the said lots to the Canal to carry off the water, which report was agreed to and the Street Commissioner & Superintendant of repairs were directed to carry the same into effect

The Committee, to whom was referred the petition of Henry

M'Farlane to be appointed a Fire Warden reported, that by the resignation of John Striker there was a vacancy of fire warden for the 3^d^ ward and, therefore, recommended the appointment of the petitioner. The resignation of John Striker was presented. Whereupon resolved, that the resignation of John Striker be accepted and that Henry M'Farlane be appointed a Fire Warden of the Third Ward

The Committee of defences to whom was committed the memorial of the officers of the 1st Brigade Artillery reported, that the officers of the Third Regiment of Artillery have devoted much time and incurred considerable expence in raising and organising the same; that in addition to the time employed by them in the instruction of their men in military duties, they are subject to [100] the payment of considerable sums of money, for music, cloathing; and other contingent expences incident to that service; that the artillery Corps in the opinion of the Committee have peculiar claims to the patronage of the Common Council, in as much as their contemplated services are more local and in case of maritime or naval attack, would be more important to the defence and security of the City than any other corps: that under these impressions, the first and Second regiments have each been furnished by the Common Council with a standard. The Committee do, therefore, recommend, that a regimental colour or standard be providid and presented by this Board to the Third Regiment of Artillery in this city; provided the expence do not exceed the sum appropriated for the like purpose for the 2d regiment

Thomas Carpenter
Nichola Fish
(signed) Peter Mesier
S. Jones Junr
A H. Lawrence

which report was agreed to and the said Committee requested to carry the same into effect

The Committee, to whom was referred the petition of the inhabitants of Harlaem for the appointment of Fence Viewers reported, that a public pound having been established in Harlaem, it is proper & necessary that Fence Viewers should be appointed there and that Samuel Wheat & Ruben Ryder having been recommended by the petitioners as suitable persons for the office, they advised that they should be accordingly appointed

June 4th 1810 (signed) Nicholas Fish
Wm A Hardenbrook

which report was agreed to and Samuel Wheat and Ruben Rider were appointed

The Street Commissioner presented the assessments for paving White Street, which was confirmed and Edward [101] Moran was appointed Collector

The Street Commissioner presented a report on the petition of Edward Magan referred to him, which was ordered to be referred back to the Street Commissioner for further explanation

The Street Commissioner, in pursuance of the order of the Board, presented an ordinance for the removal of certain incumbrances in Warren Street, which was passed

The Street Commissioner, on the petition for regulating Chapel Street from Leonard to Lispenard Street, presented an ordinance for regulating the same, which was passed. The Assessors recommended in this case were ordered to lie over till the next meeting of the Board

The Street Commissioner on the petition of the inhabitants of Stanton Street reported, that a number of lots on said street ought to have been filled some time since, agreeably to ordinances of the Common Council passed for that purpose. Whereupon ordered, that the Street Commissioner present an ordinance for filling in said lots & that the Attorney of the Board prosecute for the penalty incurred by disobedience of the former ordinances on this subject.

The Street Commissioner, on the petition for repaving Pearl Street, reported in favour of the same. The consideration of the report was postponed

The Street Commissioner, on the petition of Conrad Jordan, praying payment of a balance due for paving Magazine Street from Elm to Chatham Street reported, that it appears, by the books of the late Street Commissioner *That it appears by the books of the late Street Commissioner,* that there remains due to M^{r} Jordan on the first contract 130 $^{18}/_{100}$, which by a note in the receipt book, appears to be charged on the property of a M^{rs} Lynch and has not been collected

And for extra work occasioned by widening the street 143 $^{39}/_{100}$ making in all \$273.$^{47}/_{100}$ Dollars

[102] All which is respectfully submitted

Samuel Stilwell

which report was confirmed and a warrant directed to be reported by the Comptroller for payment of the balance amounting to \$273.$^{47}/_{100}$.

The Street Commissioner was also directed to report on the expediency of opening Magazine Street

The Street Commissioner, on the petition of Joseph Conklin reported, that a balance of 17 $^{69}/_{100}$ is due to the said Joseph Conklin on the contract for regulating and paving part of Rynder Street and the intersection of Hester Street, the payment of which is solicited

May 30th 1810 Samuel Stilwell

The Street Commissioner presented an ordinance for paving Walker Street from Church to Chapel Streets which was passed. The Assessors, nominated were the same as on Chapel Street, the appointment of which was directed to lie over.

The Street Commissioner presented an assessment for digging and regulating Mulberry Street from Grand Street 250 feet towards Broome Street, which was confirmed & Benjamin C. Stevenson appointed Collector

The Street Commissioner presented, an ordinance for paving Third Street, which was passed. The appointment of the Assessors nominated was directed to lie over.

The Street Commissioner presented an assessment for opening Bridge Street, from Whitehall Street to State Street, which was confirmed and Edward Moran was appointed Collector.

The Street Commissioner presented an assessment for opening Banker Street, which was ordered to be published in the Public papers employed by the Board

The Street Commissioner presented an assessment for paving Elizabeth Street from Hester to Prince Street, which was confirmed & Benjamin C. Steven- [103] son was appointed Collector

The Street Commissioner presented an assessment for regulating Bayard Street from Orange Street to Collect Street, which was confirmed and Edward Moran was appointed Collector

The Street Commissioner presented an assessment for regulating & paving Mulberry Street from Broome to Prince Street, which was confirmed and Benjamin C. Stevenson was appointed collector

The Street Commissioner presented the Second Assessment for opening Walker Street with the objections thereto made by Cornelius Ray and Oliver Jaques. Ordered, that the assessment together with the objections thereto be referred back to the Assessors for their further consideration

The Street Commissioner presented an assessment for regulating &

paving Spring Street from Broadway to Bowery, which was confirmed & Edward Moran was appointed Collector

The Committee on Laws and ordinances present[ed] a Law to regulate the driving of horses, carts & carriages in the city of New York. The same having been read by sections, the following amendment was proposed. to the 5th section " And that it shall & may be lawful for each congregation in the said city, to cause chains to be put and kept up across the street or streets in front and along side of any place of public worship in the said city, during the time of divine service, in the day time, on the Lord's Day called Sunday, so as to prevent horses and carriages from passing such place of public worship, during the time of Divine services aforesaid

On the question to agree to the said amendment, a division having been called thereon, by Alderman Minthorne, seconded by Mr Hoghland, the members voted as follows

[104] Affirmative		Negative	
Peter Mesier	Esqs	William Torrey	Esqs
Thomas Carpenter		Joseph Watkins	
Charles Dickinson 3d		Mangle Minthorne	
Samuel Jones Junr		Auge H. Lawrence	
Peter Hawes		Robt Bogardus	
Edmund Kirby		William Hoghland	
John Bingham		John Palmer	
7		7	

There being an equality of votes, his Honour the Mayor gave the casting vote in the affirmative. The law was then passed in the words following

A Law

to regulate the driving of horses, carts & carriages in the City of New York. Passed 4th June 1810

Section 1st Be it ordained by the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York in Common Council convened, That no person shall ride or drive any horse on a canter or gallop in any of the streets in the City of New York, South of Grand & Vestry Streets and that if any person shall so ride or drive any horse, on a canter or gallop, the person so offending shall forfeit the sum of ten dollars for each and every offence

Section 2d And be it further ordained, that no person shall drive one horse before another in the manner, commonly called Tandem, otherwise than on a walk in any of the streets in the city of New York, southerly of Grand and Vestry Streets, and that if any person shall drive one horse before another contrary to this ordinance, the person so offending shall forfeit & pay the sum of ten dollars for each & every offence

Section 3^d^ And be it further ordained, That no person shall ride or drive any horse or horses, in any waggon, cart carriage or otherwise howsoever, in turning the corner of any street or streets in the City of New York, southerly of Grand & Vestry Streets as aforesaid, otherwise than by riding or driving on a walk in turning every such corner, and that if any person [105] shall ride or drive any horse or horses in turning the corner of any street contrary to this ordinance, the person so offending shall forfeit and pay the sum of five dollars for each and every offence

Section 4th And be it further ordained, that no person shall ride on horseback nor drive any horse or horses, in any cart, waggon, chair, gig, coach, coachee, sleigh or other carriage whatsoever, in any of the streets of the City of New York, southerly of Grand and Vestry Streets aforesaid, with greater speed than a slow trot or pace, not exceeding at any time the rate of five miles per hour, and that if any person shall ride on horseback or drive with greater speed than as aforesaid, the person offending shall forfeit and pay for each and every offence the sum of ten dollars

Section 5th And be it further ordained, that no person shall ride on horseback, nor drive any coach, coachee, cart, chair, gig or other carriage, in passing any church, or other place of public worship during divine service therein, in any part of the city of New York, southerly of Grand and Vestry Streets, on the Lord's Day called Sunday, otherwise than on a walk, and that if any person shall ride on horse back or drive in passing any church or other place of public worship during divine service therein, contrary to this ordinance, the person so offending shall forfeit and pay for each and every offence the sum of ten dollars. And, that it shall and may be lawful for each congregation in the said city, to cause chains to be put and kept up across the street or streets in front and along side of any place of public worship in the said city, during the time of divine service in the day time on the Lord's Day called Sunday, so as to prevent horses & carriages from passing such place of public worship, during the time of divine service therein as aforesaid

Section 6th And be it further ordained, that if any person offending against this ordinance be an infant, an apprentice, a bound servant or a slave; his, her or their parent or guardian, master or mistress shall be deemed liable to pay the penalty so incurred, and shall & may [106] *may* be prosecuted for the same.

Section 7th And be it further ordained, that the owner or owners of any horse or horses, with which any person may offend against this ordinance, shall be deemed liable to pay the penalty so incurred unless such owner shall, upon the request of the Attorney of this Board, give all such information to him as may be requisite to a recovery against the person offending

Section 8th And be it further ordained, That from and after the twentieth day of June instant no per[son] shall drive any dray in any of the streets of the city of New York, southerly of Grand & Vestry Streets aforesaid, unless the same be numbered in such manner as the Mayor shall direct, and the number thereof registered in the office of the Mayor, together with the name of the owner of such dray, and that if any person shall drive any dray contrary to this ordinance, he shall forfeit and pay ten dollars for each offence

Section 9th And be it further ordained, that no person shall drive any horse or horses in any dray in any of the Streets of New York, southerly of Grand & Vestry Streets aforesaid, otherwise than on a walk, under the penalty of ten dollars for each and every offence

Section 10th And be it further ordained, That no person shall carry or cart any timber, plank or poles, exceeding the length of thirty five feet, upon a single cart in any of the Streets in the city of New York southerly of Grand and Vestry streets aforesaid; and that if any person shall cart any timber, plank or poles exceeding the length aforesaid, in or upon any cart, the person so offending shall forfeit the sum of ten dollars for each offence

Section 11th And be it further ordained. That it shall be the duty of all constables and marshals & the foreman of each class of cartmen in this city to give such information to the Attorney of the Corporation of offences against this ordinance, as come to his knowledge, as may [107] enable the said Attorney to prosecute them to conviction; and that if any constable, marshal or foreman of any class of cartmen, shall neglect or refuse to give such information as may be in his power, or shall in any wise be negligent in the execution of this ordinance, he shall for each offence, forfeit and pay the sum of twenty dollars

Section 12th And be it further ordained, that the attorney of this Board, be authorised after the receipt of any penalty under this ordinance, to pay over to the person giving such information as shall enable him to prosecute any person to conviction, one half part of such penalty.

The following ordinance was proposed and having been read was passed in the words following

" A Law to amend a law entitled a law for the appointment of a Street Commissioner, and to regulate the paving and keeping in repair and to prevent obstructions in the City of New York

Be it ordained by the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York in Common Council convened, that it shall not be lawful for any cartman or other person to drive or back any horse or cart or any wheel carriage of burthen or pleasure on the foot path or walk of any street, nor shall any owner or occupant of any store or house permit any cart or other wheel carriage to be driven or otherwise to pass or go over or upon the foot path or walk of any street, opposite to the store, house, yard or premises of such owner or occupant for the purpose of loading or unloading such cart or other wheel carriage or for any other purpose whatever under the penalty of five dollars for every offence and further, if any cartman or other person aforesaid shall break or otherwise injure any such foot path or walk, he or she shall within twenty four hours thereafter cause the same to be well and sufficiently repaired and amended on pain of forfeiting five Dollars.

Section 2d And be it further ordained, that the 14th section of the law, to which this is an amendment be and the [108] same is hereby repealed

The following ordinance was proposed and having been read was passed in the words following

A Law to amend the law entitled " A Law to regulate the sale of fire wood, for the appointment of Inspectors thereof, and for the division of the City into inspection districts

Be it ordained by the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York in Common Council convened, that no Inspector of fire wood shall inspect any wood for any cartman, whose cart shall not have the number thereof fairly painted thereon in the manner required by law, and that if any inspector shall inspect any load of wood for any cartman contrary to this ordinance, he shall for each offence forfeit the sum of five dollars.

An ordinance was passed in the following words

A Law

to prevent the vending or exposing for sale tin plate ware in any of the public streets or slips in the city of New York

Be it ordained by the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York in Common Council convened, that no person or persons whatsoever shall from and after the first day of July next sell or expose for sale any tin plate ware of any kind or description whatever, in any of the public streets or slips in the city of New York, and that if any person shall sell or expose to sale any tin plate ware contrary to this ordinance, the person or persons so offending shall forfeit & pay the sum of ten dollars for each & every offence Provided Nevertheless, that nothing herein contained shall prevent any person from disposing of tin plate ware on board of any vessel, by the whole sale, nor to prevent any person or persons from selling or exposing to sale, tinplate ware in front of his, her or their shop or manufactory

[109] A resolution was presented respecting licensing minors as cartmen, which passed in the negative

The following ordinance was then presented

"A Law

to authorise the licensing of minors as cartmen in certain cases.

Be it ordained by the Mayor, Aldermen & Commonalty of the City of New York in Common Council convened, that the Mayor be and he is hereby authorised to issue licences for cartmen to such minors, as the board shall from time to time direct and to take in all such cases a bond from a good and sufficient person to the Mayor, Aldermen & Commonalty of the City of New York, as security for such minor's good behaviour as a cartman, with condition to pay such damages, as may be sustained by any person or persons employing such minor in his capacity as a cartman"

On the question to agree to the same, a division having been called by Ald^{n} Torrey, it was passed in the affirmative in manner following

Affirmative		Negative
Alderman Mesier	M^{r} Jones	Alderman Torrey
Carpenter	Lawrence	Minthorne
Dickinson 3^{d}	Bogardus	M^{r} Hawes
Bingham	Hoghland	
Watkins	Kirby	
	Palmer	

Whereupon ordered, that licences issue to the following persons viz James Eastwood, Robert Thiel, David Enny, George Culbert, Peter DePew, James Paterson & James Hanna.

The following draft of an ordinance was then presented and ordered to be passed

[110] A Law

entitled a law to amend "A Law to regulate the sale of manure, sand and clay in the City of New York

Section 1st Be it ordained by the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York in Common Council convened, that so much of the said Law hereby amended as requires each load of manure to be inspected shall be applicable only to the public manure

Section 2d And be it further ordained, that so much of the said law as requires each load of manure to contain sixteen bushels be repealed and that instead thereof each load of the public manure shall contain fourteen bushels.

The Lamp Committee presented the following viz "that having taken into consideration the proposals of the several candidates who have offered to light the city lamps for the ensuing year, they recommend, Alexander Andrews as a proper person to contract for the first Division or Western District, he being willing to undertake the same at nine dollars each lamp per annum. As it is probable the improved burners will be in operation in the course of two months, and as Mr Andrews had undertaken to import them, we think this will give him an opportunity to make a fair experiment. The Contractor is, however, to understand, (whoever he may be) that the penalty for every default is to be rigidly enforced. The Lamp Committee desirous to improve that department, propose to devote a considerable portion of time to attain so desirable an object.

For the Eastern division, or what may be called the Second District, the Committee beg leave to suggest to the Board the propriety of having that part of the society lighted at the expence of the Corporation, [111] under the direction of a person to be selected by ballot, as a Superintendant with a salary not to exceed three hundred pounds per annum. Should this project meet the approbation of the Common Council, a fair experiment may then be made, at the close of the year, which plan will best promote the public good.'

(signed) William Torrey
Thomas Carpenter

Whereupon resolved, that the contract of Alexander Andrews for the First district be accepted, and that the Attorney of the Board draw the necessary papers. The appointment of a Superintendant for the Eastern or Second district was postponed.

Resolved, that the Superintendant of repairs under the direction of the Battery Committee, direct a gate to be erected in front of Bridge Street leading to the battery

The Market Committee on the petition of Eleanor Alicotis reported, that leave be granted to her to sit as a seller of vegetables in the Catharine market, which was agreed to

The City Inspector presented drafts of ordinances N° 5437 & N° 5438 for correction of nuisances, which were passed

Resolved, that the Superintendant of repairs be directed to cause the shed on the Battery erected by Andrew M'Laughlin to be forthwith removed

Ordered, that M^r Skaats be authorised to whitewash such parts of the City Hall as he shall judge necessary

The following resolution was adopted. Resolved, that the ground in front of the United States arsenal be levelled and regulated under the direction of the Road Committee, and that they be authorised to dispose of the old building remaining thereon and to have so much of the said ground inclosed by an ornamental fence and planted with trees, as they may think proper

The Watch Committee, on the petition of James D. Bissett to be paid for a house, corner of Beach and [112] *and* Chapel Streets, which the late Watch Committee had purchased of him, reported, that the facts stated by M^r Bissett are true & therefore recommend: that a warrant issue to him for $152 for payment of the same, which was agreed to

The assistant of the 4th ward, in the absence of Alderman Roosevelt, to whom with him, was referred the petition of the Inhabitants of Jacob & Frankfort Streets reported, that, in his opinion, a drain or common sewer was absolutely necessary to carry off the waters from the cellars in Jacob & Frankfort Streets and, therefore, recommended, that the street Commissioner take immediate measures to have one constructed, which was agreed to.

The Committee, to whom was referred the petition of Patrick M'Kay reported

That M^r M'Kay purchased at the Inclenburgh sales lots N° 2. 52. 58 for the sum of five thousand one hundred and ninety dollars and paid thereon the *the* sum of three thousand two hundred and forty three dollars and seventy five cents; that, at the time of sale he had reason to believe, that the streets designated upon the map would be opened in a convenient time; that the committee believe the property brought a great price; much more than it would have brought, had not the purchasers been induced to believe the streets would have been opened by the Board. Your committee believe one year from the time of sale to be a reasonable time to have had the streets opened. Your Committee are, therefore, of opinion, that the said Patrick M'Kay has a just and reasonable claim against this Board and advise, that he be allowed interest upon the sum advanced by him after the expiration of one year from the time of payment

(signed) Robert Bogardus
Peter Mesier

Ordered, that the consideration thereof be postponed

[113] The Comptroller reported Cash in the Treasury	$29.287.13
Warrants not presented	1.069.32
	28.217.81

Whereupon, ordered, that his Honour the Mayor issue warrants for payment of the following sums

James Hardie Asst City Inspector 1 mo to 1st inst	62.50	
R. Graves Asst St Commr 1 Do Do	54.	
Andw Otterson Do Do	54.	
Mott Hicks Do Do	54.	
Adrian B. Holmes Do Do	54.	
Wm P. Roome keeper Potter's field Do	31.	
Jacob Halsey work at Brooklyn ferry	313.74	
Hardenbrook & Nichols St Lamps &c	88.25	
Downing & Jackson Lamp posts	418.62	
Robt M'Dermut & others Inspectors of election 7th ward	24.	
Wm Peters & H. Marsh attending Fly market on Sundays	40.50	
Bernard Hart 6 casks of powder and making cartridges for 22d Feby last	104.72	
Patrick Kane & Thomas Dealy on account for Spring Street	443.50	
James Richardson sinking & cleaning wells in 4th 7 & 8th wards	47.39	
O'Neil & Lee Do 3d 5th 6th 7th 8th & 10th wards	150.30	
Oliver Waldron overseer roads to 1st June	358.93	
James J. Myers Do Do	556.25	
John Ashfield, Interest on bond	65.62	
John H Sickles for New City Hall	3000.	
		5921.32
	Balance in Treasy	$22,296.49

[114] In Common Council June 11th 1810

Present Josiah Ogden Hoffman Esqr Recorder President

Peter Mesier
Thomas Carpenter
Charles Dickinson 3d
John Bingham
William Torrey
Charles Dickinson 7th
Joseph Watkins
Nicholas Fish
Mangle Minthorne
Esqs Aldermen

Samuel Jones junr
Peter Hawes
Auge H. Lawrence
Wm Hoghland
Isaac S Douglass
Thomas Timpson
Edmund Kirby
Wm A Hardenbrook
John Palmer
Esqs Assistants.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Petitions of George Crone & Thomas Hood for remission of penalties incurred under laws of the Corporation were received and referred to the Attorney of the Board with authority in the latter case to suspend all proceedings till the further order of the Board.

A remonstrance from sundry inhabitants of Maiden Lane against repaving the same was referred to the former committee on the subject, viz the Aldermen and Assistants of the 2d & 3d wards and the Street Commissioner

A petition from Peter Esler a minor to obtain licence to drive a cart was granted. Similar petitions in behalf of Peter Hagerman and Nathaniel Kent were referred to the Committee on applications.

A petition of Henry Tharpe a cartman stating, that he was ill & requesting, that his Son Henry Tharpe might drive his cart during his indisposition was received. Whereupon resolved that permission be given agreeably to the prayer of the petition

A memorial from Elias Boudinot and others proposing to lease the ferry from this city to New Jersey and establishing thereon steam [115] boats was received and referred to the Committee on the same subject viz Aldermen Mesier, Bingham, Carpenter and the Ferry Committee were likewise associated with them And it was farther ordered, that the report made by the Committee on the subject of a ferry from the foot of Duane Street Market and also the petition for a ferry from Spring Street market be referred to the same committee and that the Committee on said petitions be discharged

A request of Robert Lylburn, that the question between him and the Board respecting a Lot of Common Land might be terminated was referred to the recorder & street Commissioner

A petition of Fire Engine Company No 14 for an addition of six men to their Company was received and referred to the Committee on the Fire department and Chief Engineer

A petition of the inhabitants of Harrison Street, praying, that said street may be paved from the West side of Washington Street to the Hudson river was referred to the Street Commissioner

A petition of George Walgrove Lessee of the Hay Scales, at Duane Street, praying that the Law regulating the landing and sale of hay may be so amended as that the slip at Duane Market may be included in said law was received & referred to the Alderman and assistant of the Fifth Ward

An application of Isaac Auld for $500 on account of his contract for lighting the lamps was granted and a warrant ordered

A petition from Ephraim Jennings for the appointment of Superintendant of Lamps was received and ordered to lie on the table

A petition of Thomas M'Conaghy and of Samuel Sears, that the Corporation would pay them [116] on account of the bond issued to them by reason of the award for ground in Canal Street was received. Whereupon ordered, that warrants issue to them viz to Thomas M'Conoughy for $100 and to Samuel Sears for $150.

The following person was appointed fireman, the chief engineer certifying the vacancy viz

Fire Engine Company N° 32

Cornelius Benscowter, ropemaker, Bowery Lane 10th wd v. Thomas Hobbs deceased

The Market Committee on the petition of Henry Owens reported, that they had received a good report of the petitioner and had also personally conferred with Cornelius Vandeburgh the former occupant of the stand applied for and finding, that he relinquished the same without any money or other consideration to the said petitioner, do recommend, that the stand N° 32 Hudson Market be granted to the said Henry Owen, which report was agreed to

The Attorney of the Board, reported, that Mr Weathershine had called on him & stated, that he declined accepting the offer made by the Board, as a compensation and wishes the same may be referred; that he, on his part, named George Ireland. Whereupon resolved, that John M'Comb junior be appointed a referee on the part of this Board, and that the Attorney draw the bonds of submission to be executed on the behalf of this Board

The Recorder and Attorney of the Board, to whom was referred the subject of Charlotte Slip reported Ordered, that the same be referred to the Committee on wharves, slips and piers and the Alderman & Assistant of the Seventh ward, with a request to report a statement of facts in said case.

James Hardie presented an account of Cæsar Elston for cleaning the privy of the Bridewell amounting to $185 [117] for which a warrant was ordered to be issued

The City Inspector reported, that a cellar, at the corner of Walker and Chapel Streets, on which a house stood, that was taken down for public purposes remained open and in a dangerous situation. Ordered, that the Superintendant of repairs cause the same to be filled up

The City Inspector presented a report on the subject of fish cars, which were left on the wharf at the Fly Market & which occasioned a considerable nuisance. Ordered, that the report be referred to the City Inspector and Superintendant of Repairs & the Harbour Masters, with directions to remedy the evil

The Comptroller reported, that in obedience to the directions of the Board, the following bonds had been issued for ground taken to open Canal Street viz

Bonds dated 2^d^ June 1810 payable on or before the 2^d^ June 1811, with interest at 7 per Cent

John M'Cammon	$4250.
Daniel Banvard D	525.
Samuel Sears D	1250.
James Holiday D	800.
Thomas M'Conaghy D	900.
James Nelson	3345.20
Edward John Ball	2500.
John J. Westervelt	550.
John R. Johnston	1859.50
John Ashfield	810.
Elizabeth Archer	2474.32
Grove Wright	1000.
John Van Blarcom Junior	1004.64
Peter Lorillard	1263.12
Samuel Jones Junior	2671.76
John M'Leod Acting executor for the estate of George Warner	255.60
Thomas Duggan (on account) D	2500.
Leonard Lispenard	2398.
	$30.357.14

[118] These marked with the letter D have been delivered and receipts taken for the same"

signed G. N. Bleecker Comptroller

Whereupon ordered, that the same be filed

The Road Committee, to whom was referred the subject of recommending suitable persons as keeper and deputy keepers of convicts to be employed on the public roads reported " that having carefully examined the pretensions of the several candidates they are of opinion, that the most suitable persons for said offices are for keeper or superintendant James Blackledge and for Deputy Abraham Hart "

" The Committee further report, that in their opinion, the supplies of provision, cloathing &c for the convicts employed on the roads &c be issued from the Alms House, of which a separate and distinct account shall be kept and that the keeper & Deputy have nothing to do with the purchasing or procuring of any provisions or supplies whatsoever and that they be allowed as follows viz James Blackledge as keeper or superintendant two dollars per day and Abraham Hart as Deputy one dollar & 50 cents per day as a full compensation for their services and that they be under the direction of the Road Committee

Nicholas Fish
Augus. H. Lawrence
signed Mangle Minthorne
John Bingham
W^m A Hardenbrook

which report was agreed to and James Blackledge and Abraham Hart were accordingly appointed

The Street Commissioner presented an ordinance for paving Lispenard Street from Church to Chapel Streets, also an ordinance for filling in sunken lots in Stanton Street from Ridge to Pitt Street and for regulating Stanton Street; also an ordi- [119] nance for building a drain in Jacob Street, and an ordinance for regulating and paving Mott Street, from Spring to Prince Street, which were severally passed. The Assessors nominated were laid over till the next meeting of the Board

The Chief Engineer, in obedience to the orders of the Board, presented a return of the different fire engines, their apparatus, place of deposit, condition &c. now in use [in] the city, from which it appears, that there are 35 Engine companies, 1 floating engine Company and 3 hook and ladder companies and that the number of the firemen, exclusive of the Engineers & fire wardens amounted to 927. Whereupon ordered, that 100 copies of the same be printed.

The ordinance for regulating Walker Street passed on the 4th instant was called up and Frederick Eckart, William Stone, Joseph Dederer Abraham Russel and James Davison were appointed assessors.

The ordinance for regulating Third Street, passed on the 4th instant was called up and Ezekiel Bishop, Solomon Wheeler, Abraham Hart, Stephen Kingsland and Robert Coles were appointed Assessors.

The ordinance for regulating & paving Varick and Provost Streets, passed 14th May last; and the ordinance for regulating Chapel Street passed 4th instant were called up and John P. Ritter, George Cleland, Ebenezer Clark, Benjamin Sands and Asa Holden were appointed assessors in the said ordinances

The Street Commissioner presented a return of delinquents on the assessment for Van Dam Street; whereupon ordered, that a warrant issue to Edward Moran for collecting the same.

The Street Commissioner presented the assessment for opening Banker Street. An objection thereto of William Beekman was read. Whereupon resolved, that the said assessment be confirmed and that William Wilmerding be the Collector

[120] Resolved also, that William Wilmerding be appointed Collector of the Assessment on Amity Street.

The following report of the Street Commissioner was presented on the 4th instant.

" The Street Commissioner begs leave to report on the petition of Edward Maginn, praying for certain monies due him for paving done in South Street, Thomas Street and about the Catharine Market in 1808

It appears, that Patrick M'Carty was duly authorised to receive the balances due for said paving and to pay the several workmen employed, which the said Mr M'Carty has done, excepting about $170, which by the late Street Commissioners books appears to be due from Dustan the Collector "

signed Samuel Stilwell

" The Street Commissioner now presented the following explanation of the said report, " that on carefully examining the account above mentioned, it appears, that payment has been made in full for paving South Street and Catharine Market.

The balance reported above of $170 is due on the contract for paving Thomas Street from Hudson to Church Street and part of Hudson Street. Henry Van Pelt was the Collector and had closed the assessment. The money is due to Patrick M'Cartey, he being authorised by the contractors to receive it.

The Street Commissioner is, therefore, of opinion, that M'Carty ought to be paid out of the treasury signed Samuel Stilwell

Whereupon ordered, that the Comptroller report a warrant for $170 in favour of Patrick M'Carty

On motion, the Board proceeded to elect a superintendant for the 2d Lamp District, when on counting the ballots, it appeared, that Ephraim Jennings had a majority of votes of the Board. Whereupon resolved, that said Ephraim Jennings be appointed Superintendant [121] of Lamps for the Second District and that he execute a bond with a security for the sum of 3000 dollars for the faithful performance of the duties of his office

Resolved, that the 22d section of the Law entitled "a law for the appointment of a Street Commissioner &c" be and the same is hereby so amended, as to give to each of the Harbour Masters of this city, the same powers and authority for the removal of incumbrances from the wharves and piers of this city & for levying and collecting the penalties imposed for the breach of the said ordinance, as in and by the said law is given to the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen & Street Commissioner

On motion of Mr Lawrence, the Board took up the consideration of the salary to be allowed to the Mayor, in pursuance of the act entitled "An act for granting to and vesting in the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, the office of Clerk of the Market within the said city and for other purposes" passed 16th March 1810. Whereupon it was resolved, that there be allowed and paid out of the City Treasury to the Honourable Jacob Radcliff Mayor of the city as and for his compensation the yearly sum of Seven thousand dollars, to be paid in quarterly payments in equal proportions, computing the same from the 16th day of March last past

Resolved, that the Committee on Laws be requested to report at the next meeting of the Board a mode for making out a list of jurors to serve in the several courts in this city and county agreeably to the act in such case made and provided

Resolved, that the City Inspector be directed to revise the law entitled "A Law concerning Dogs," and report at the next meeting of the Board

Resolved, that the following gentlemen compose a committee to report, arrangements for [122] the celebration of the fourth of July next being the anniversary of American Independence viz Alderman Mesier, Mr Hoghland, Mr Lawrence and the City Inspector

The Comptroller reported cash in the treasury	$25.878.47
Warrants not presented	102.
	25,776.47

Whereupon ordered, that his Honour the Mayor issue his warrants for payment of the following sums viz

Lawrence & Van Wart watch	$474.32	
Farrington & White Do	552.72	
Goodheart & Hays Do	643.44	
A. Giles Special Justice 1 Qr Salary to 8th instant	250.	
C. Christian Do Do	250.	
B O'Blenis Clerk of police from 13th April to 8th instant	153.42	
John A. Crolius Inspector of bread	100.	
Wm Miers attending the park 1 mo	19.37	
Mathew Dikeman, repairing pumps	74.44	
Conrad Jordan, paving Magazine St	273.47	
Joseph Conklin, balance on Rynder St	17.69	
James D. Bisset for house corner of Beach & Chapel Streets	152.	
Thos Scott, paving Van Dam Street	841.59	
Abraham Potts, on acct of Green St	120.	
Elizabeth Duryea, balance on bond for Amity Street	2486.74	
S. Whitney & James W. Lent for Coentie's Slip (assigned)	2315.55	
Isaac Auld on acct of lamps	500.	
Thomas M'Donaughy for ground to open Canal Street	100.	
To Samuel Sears Do Do	150.	
		9474.75
	Balance in treasury	16,301.72

[123] In Common Council June 18th 1810

Present Jacob Radcliff Esqr Mayor President

Aldermen	Assistants
Thomas Carpenter	Samuel Jones junr
John Bingham	Peter Hawes
William Torrey	Auge H. Lawrence
Charles Dickinson	Robt Bogardus
7th	William Hoghland
Joseph Watkins	Isaac S. Douglass
Mangle Minthorne	Thomas Timpson
Esqrs Aldermen	Edmund Kirby
	John Palmer
	Esqrs Assistants.

The minutes of the last meeting were read & approved

A petition of sundry inhabitants, praying that the pavement of Broadway may be continued to the Art Bridge was received & referred to the Road Committee

A petition from Edward J. Ball was received, stating, that on agreeing to accept a bond for the sum awarded to him for ground in

Canal Street, he had stipulated that he was to receive $750 in Cash on the 1st of July next, which sum he requested might be advanced to him in part of his bond. Whereupon resolved, that the Comptroller report a warrant for paying to Mr Ball the sum of $750 on the 1st day of July next

A complaint was received from sundry inhabitants of an house occupied by one John M'Cammon, which had been purchased by the public, and they requested, that it might be moved as it stood 25 feet in Canal Street. Ordered to be referred to the Canal Committee

A petition was received from the inhabitants of Mott Street, praying that said street may be paved from Hester to Spring Street was referred to the Street [124] Commissioner

A petition of Eleazar Hathaway requesting to be appointed sole sweeper of the Fly Market, as the duty was not now correctly performed. Ordered to be referred to the Market Committee

An application of John Foster for renewal of his appointment of sealer of weights and measures was granted

A petition from the inhabitants of Broome Street and a remonstrance of sundry inhabitants of the 10th ward complaining of large deposits of manure, which were very offensive were received and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Tenth ward and the City Inspector

A petition of John S. Hunn late Street Commissioner was received, stating, that from a rapid succession of misfortunes, he was under the necessity of applying to the Board to aid him in obtaining a discharge from his Creditors by appointing a committee with authority to discharge the claims the Corporation have against him & take such measures as they may judge proper either by accepting with other creditors an assignment of property in discharge of such debts or otherwise. Ordered, that the same be referred to the Finance Committee. On motion, that said Committee have authority to grant a letter of licence to said John S. Hunn, a division being called, it passed in the affirmative in manner following

Affirmative		Negative
Alderman Carpenter	Messrs Jones	Aldn Dickinson 7th
Bingham	Lawrence	Mr Hawes
Watkins	Bogardus	Douglass
Torrey	Hoghland	Hardenbrook
Minthorne	Timpson	4
	Kirby	
	Palmer *11	

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* Incorrect addition apparent.—Ed.

[125] An application that Christopher Street should be regulated was referred to the Road Committee

Applications of Samuel Webb & James Scott for the appointment of Fire warden in the Sixth Ward in the place of Stephen Ludlum was received. The resignation of M^r^ Ludlum in consequence of his removal from the ward was read. Whereupon resolved, that M^r^ Ludlum's resignation be accepted and that Samuel Webb be appointed in his place.

A request of James Palmer, that a lot belonging to the Corporation at the corner of South Street and Peck Slip might be leased to him was received and referred to the Comptroller.

A memorial of certain inhabitants of South Street praying, that the side walks may be permitted to be made 10 or at most 12 feet wide was received and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 1st ward and the Street Commiss^r^

A petition of Ann Banta for a Huckster's Stand in Catharine Market was referred to the Market Committee

A recommendation in favour of Peter Van Blarcom to receive licence to drive a cart, he being a minor was referred to the Committee on applications and a petition from William Cottrell to receive a licence to drive a cart for the sale of clams and sand was granted

A petition of James Hewitt was received, stating, that on his return from a voyage abroad, he was robbed of all his property, that he had been detained by the order of the Police Officers as a witness for nearly 7 weeks at expences that he resides in the county of Otswego & solicits assistance to defray his expences & to enable him [126] to return to his family

Whereupon ordered, that the said petition be referred to the Commissioners of the Alms house, with power to afford the petitioner suitable relief

A petition of John Bogart for permission to sell country produce in the Fly Market was referred to the Attorney of the Board and the Market Committee

A representation of Edward Dunscomb Esq^r^ High Sherriff of the City & County, that the goal of the city required repairs was read & referred to the Committee of Repairs.

A complaint of sundry inhabitants in Greenwich & Hetty Streets respecting certain sunken lots was received & referred to the City Inspector

An application was made on behalf of the Society of the Cincinnati of this state for permission to assemble in one of the Courts of the

City Hall on the 4th of July last next for the dispatch of business. Whereupon ordered, that permission be given

The petition of Nathaniel Kent presented at last meeting was called for. Whereupon resolved, that said Kent receive licence as a cartman

The Attorney of the Board represented that Ruben Drake, who had been presented for permitting gambling in his Inn contrary to his recognizance had requested him to state to the Board, that he is about removing from the city & prayed them to remit the penalty on his paying the costs. On motion, resolved, that his request cannot be complied with.

The City Inspector presented the following representation viz " that two sunken [127] lots in Orange Street adjoining the premises of Solomon Wheeler (the owners of which were unknown) have agreeably to the resolution of the Board been advertised in the public papers for three weeks, and as the said lots have not as yet been filled up, it will be necessary, in his opinion, that the Common Council should adopt a resolution to the following purport

Resolved, that two sunken lots, situate on Orange Street and adjoining the premises of Solomon Wheeler be filled up at the public expence and that the charges thereof shall be a lien on the property

Which report was agreed to & referred to the City Inspector to be carried into execution.

The Committee, to whom was referred the petition for the removal of certain incumbrances from Dover Street presented a report, which was referred to the attorney of the Board to investigate the facts and to report a statement to the Board

The Committee, to whom it was referred to consider and report the proper mode of certifying and transmitting to the Clerk of the County the names of Jurors in conformity to the Act entitled " An Act for regulating Trials of issues and returning able and sufficient jurors " passed 31st March 1801, respectfully report, that by the 13th section of the 3d act

It is made the duty of the Common Council, once at least in every year to cause the names of each person residing in the City of New York and qualified and of sufficient ability and understanding to serve on juries in the several Courts mentioned in the said act, and not contained in the boxes in the Clerk's Office with their places of abode and additions, to be certified in writing & transmitted to the [128] *to the* Clerk of the County. The frequent changes that take place in the residence and in the qualifications of persons in this city, the accession of those, who, from time to time, become qualified to serve on juries, the exemption of others from serving occasioned by age or by priviledge and the fluctuations of the latter exemption, must render a list of jurors formed by the personal knowledge and information of the members of the Common Council with no other aid than the Assessors Books, liable to great deficiencies and errors. It is, by an actual census alone taken with care and diligence & with an eye to the object of it, that a full & correct list of persons qualified to serve on juries can be made and the certificate required by the act aforesaid given by the Board.

It may not be necessary, that such census be annually taken; the books of the Assessors may be a sufficient guide for perhaps two or three years; but the errors and omissions inseparable from a list made up in that way must be occasionally corrected by an actual enumeration made for the purpose. The last Census of Jurors was taken in the year 1806. Since that period the list of names, which have been certified & returned to the Clerk as persons qualified & of sufficient ability, and understanding to serve as jurors have been found as the Committee understand from the information of the members of the Common Council and the books of the Assessors without any actual enumeration. And the consequences (as the Committee are informed) have been, that the panels drawn from the boxes to the courts have now become so deficient of qualified jurors as to be a matter of serious complaint. The Committee are, therefore, of opinion, that a full & faithful compliance with the above mentioned section of [129] the act above referred to requires, that an actual census should be adopted upon the present occasion, as the proper mode of ascertaining the names of the persons qualified as Jurors, & submit to the consideration of the Common Council the following resolutions on the subject

Resolved, that a census be taken of the persons residing in the city of New York and qualified and of sufficient ability and understanding to serve on juries in the several courts mentioned in the act entitled "An act for regulating trials of Juries and the returning able & sufficient jurors" passed the 31st March 1801; and that two fit and discreet persons be appointed in each ward of the said city to take the census in such ward accordingly

Resolved, that it shall be the duty of the persons appointed to take the said census to make a return in writing to the Common Council within sixty days after their appointment, which said return shall contain the names of all the persons residing in the ward and qualified to serve on juries, with their additions & places of abode, ages and special exemptions from serving on Juries, with the cause of such exemptions in separate columns, with an additional column containing the names of all persons, who are over the age of sixty years.

signed Samuel Jones Junr
Peter Hawes
Robert Bogardus

which report was agreed to and it was referred to the same committee and the City Inspector to prepare proper forms for making said lists

The Committee, on wharves, slips & piers, to whom was referred the case of Charlotte Slip reported " that ordinances have been passed by the [*128] Common Council, directing a wharf to be sunk and made on each side of the said slip; that the wharf on the Northerly side of the same has been sunk and made by the proprietors of lots who were directed by the said ordinances to sink and make the same; but that the proprieters of lots and premises to the Southward of the said slip, who were required by the said ordinance to sink and make the wharf on the Southerly side of the same refuse to do so; and that the want of such said last mentioned wharf renders the slip so insecure as to be nearly useless & exposes the wharf already made on the Northerly side thereof to universal danger. The committee from the information before them are *laid* [led] to believe, that the said wharf may be sunk & made in the usual way at an expence of about 5500 dollars and with deep bridges & square timber and close fendered, at an expence of about $6400 and that the money wanted for the purpose may be obtained on loan upon the bond of the Mayor, Aldermen & Commonalty of the City of New York at lawful interest. The Committee are satisfied, that the slip will be of public utility and as the recorder and the Attorney of the Board, by their report to the Common Council on the subject, which has been laid before the Committee, have given it as their opinion, that the case falls within the provision of the 5th section of the act entitled " An act for regulating the building of wharves & slips in the City of New York," passed 3d April 1801, whereby power is given to the Mayor, Aldermen & Commonalty of the city of New York, on the neglect or refusal of proprietors to fill up and level the intermediate ground mentioned in the said act, to cause the same to be done for and in behalf of the [129] said proprietors and to charge them with the expence thereof and to collect the said expence with lawful interest and the costs and charges by distress and sale of the goods and chatels of the said proprietors as may be seen by the said report; and the committee not being informed of any other compulsory mode of coercing the said proprietors to make the said improvement or to defray the expences thereof, they are of opinion, that it would be advisable for the said Mayor, Aldermen & Commonalty to cause the same to be done accordingly, under the direction of the proper officers of the Common Council and that the expences thereof be charged to the said proprietors according to law

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* Page numbers 128 and 129 repeated by error of Clerk.—Ed.

S. Jones Jun^r
signed Charles Dickinson
Thomas Carpenter
Edmund Kirby

which report was agreed to and the Street Commissioner was directed to advertise for proposals by contract for carrying the same into effect

The Committee, on the petition of William Johnson presented a report, which was ordered to lie on the table

The Committee, to whom was referred the petition of the inhabitants residing in the vicinity of the Corporation Dock, report, that having viewed the premises where the petitioners pray for a pier to be run out and judging it would be a protection to the vessels and also afford additional convenience for such as wish to come to that part of the city, recommend that the request of the petitioners be granted

Charles Dickinson
Samuel Stilwell

which report was agreed to. It was afterwards moved [130] to reconsider the same, which was carried. The report of the Committee was then adopted on condition, that the petitioners procure a loan of the money necessary for constructing said pier w^h legal interest at a period not less than two years.

The Committee, to whom was referred the petition of Anthony L. Bleeker & others praying for an alteration in the regulation of Green and Mercer Streets reported, "that they had met on the ground West of Broadway with the profiles and a map before them, on which was marked at the intersections of all the Streets, the elevation of the present surface of the earth above the tide water: thus being enabled to demonstrate, that the high ground to be taken off will be more than sufficient to fill up the valleys to the regulation proposed. They are, therefore unanimously of opinion, that it would be inexpedient and improper to depress the present and proposed regulations

Peter Hawes
signed John Palmer
Joseph Watkins
Samuel Stilwell

which report was agreed to

The attorney on the petition of George Crone praying for relief against two several penalties incurred for violating two separate ordinances reported, that it appears from testimony as also from his admission, that he is guilty of the charges exhibited against him & also that he obtained permission from a Mr Barthel to incumber the walk with oysters and Oyster shells, until it became offensive. It also appears, that he has a large family of children. I am of opinion, that inasmuch as he is poor & [131] having a wife and children depending upon him for support, that he should be relieved from so much of the penalty for incumbering the street as this Board are entitled unto, on his paying the other fine and all the costs"

Isaac A. Van Hook

which report was agreed to

The Attorney of the Board, to whom was referred the petition of Thomas Hood, praying to be relieved from a judgment obtained against him for working at his trade for four successive Sundays, reported, that the offence against the petitioner was fully proved, by three witnesses residing in his neighbourhood. It was also proved, that he was told, he was offending against the law and must desist; but replied, he might as well as not earn something by painting signs. I am of opinion, that he is not entitled to any relief; but inasmuch as he represents himself poor, I would advise the remission of two of the penalties as far as the Corporation are concerned, on his paying the residue with all the costs of suit

(signed) Isaac A. Van Hook

which report was confirmed

The Street Commissioner presented an ordinance for paving Harrison Street from Washington Street to the Hudson River, which was passed. The Assessors named were laid over

The Street Commissioner presented the assessment upon Duane Street West of Washington Street, which was confirmed and Edward Moran was appointed Collector

The Ordinance passed on the 11th for paving Mott Street was called up and John P Ritter, George Cleland, Christian Trippler, Ebenezer Clark and Asa Holden were appointed assessors.

In the ordinance for paving Lispenard Street, Frederick Eckert, William Stone, Joseph *Dede-* [132] Dederer, Abraham Russel & James Davison were appointed assessors.

In the ordinance for filling in sunken lots on Stanton Street, Ezekiel Bishop, Solomon Wheeler, Abraham Hart, Stephen Kingsland and Robert Coles were appointed assessors

In the ordinance for constructing a drain in Jacob Street, Ezekiel Bishop, Solomon Wheeler, Abraham Hart, Stephen Kingsland & Robert Coles were appointed Assessors

The City Inspector, agreeably to order reported an ordinance " respecting Dogs " the consideration of which was postponed

Mr Hoghland now called up the report of the Committee on Duane Street basin, which was as follows

" The Committee, to whom was referred the petition for building a pier in the basin between Duane and Jay Streets have the honour to report, that they have viewed and made a survey of the said basin and find the width thereof to be 312 feet, which will admit of a pier of 30 feet wide & leave 141 feet on each side. Your Committee are, therefore, of the opinion, that a middle pier in that basin would be a great improvement, and more especially as there are Ls, at the end of each of the side piers. If a 60 feet block should be sunk across the end of the middle pier, it would contract the passage on each side to 52½ feet and render the harbour safe in tempestuous weather

(signed) William Hoghland
Samuel Stilwell

Whereupon it was resolved that the prayer of the petitioners be granted upon the same terms as those agreed upon for the pier at the Corporation Dock. It was also resolved, that (133) *that* the prayer of the petitioners for a basin at the foot of Spring Street be granted on the like terms.

The following persons were appointed firemen, the chief engineer certifying corresponding vacancies

No 3

John Gunter cartman 109 Read St 5th ward v. Joseph Moore gone to the country.

John W. Clinch, ship chandler 30 Reed St 6th ward v. William Adams resigned

Thomas Cahoone grocer 289 Broadway 5th ward v. William Gilespie resigned

Hook and Ladder Company Nº 2

John Brown house carpenter Nº 3 Jew's alley 4th ward v. Joseph Ridgway resigned

Nº 24

Robert Cade Acct Liberty St 2d ward v. John DeClew Junior resigned

James R. Schenk Bookbinder Nº 22 Cedar Street 3d ward v. James Young resigned

The following resolution was presented.

" Resolved that the pay of the Watchmen be encreased to 7/ for every night they perform duty "

Ordered that the consideration thereof be referred to the Watch Committee.

The Committee appointed to make arrangements for the celebration of the 4th of July next presented their report, which was agreed to; and the same committee were directed to select a suitable place in the city, for the Board to dine at

The following was presented. " Resolved, that the ordinance prohibiting Cartmen from backing on the side walk be reconsidered & that Front & South Streets be excepted." Ordered to lie on the table.

The following was presented " Resolved [134] that Mrs Moore, the wife of George Moore have permission to sell coffee in the Catharine market "—Referred to the Market Committee.

A resolution giving powers to the Superintendant of repairs in case of fires was laid on the table

A resolution respecting a sweeper for Duane Street market was referred to the Market Committee

A resolution, that the meetings of the Board, during the summer season, be held at the Health Office was laid on the table

Mr Hawes presented the following. Resolved, that the Ferry Committee be instructed to call on the present lessees of the two ferries from the City of New York to Brooklyn & present them respectively with a copy of the Law passed at the last session of the legislature in relation to the said ferries; that the said committee be directed to enquire from the said lessees, whether they will respectively from & after the 1st day of August next continue their leases of the said ferries subject to the terms & conditions of the said act, or whether they will prefer to   the same to the Corporation. And that the said Committee report thereon to the Board Which was agreed to and ordered to be referred to the Ferry Committee

[135] The Comptroller reported Cash in the treasury................ 27,303.30

Whereupon his Honour the Mayor was requested to issue his warrants for payment of the following sums.

Jacob Radcliff Esqr 1 Qr from 16th March to 16th June—Balance	1330.72	
Jacob P. Roome Superintendant of repairs 1 Quarter to 14th instant	158.	
James Jenkins, ironmongery	107.85	
Stephen Stephens tax books & stationary	61.30	
Edward Watkeys candles for City Hall	19.18	
W. Van Zandt & the other Inspectors of the 1st ward	24.	
Cornelius Dubois & other inspectors of election 10th ward	24.	
William Pollock, for Sunday services 10th ward	19.50	
Wm F. Stevenson Do Do	19.50	
Saltus, Son & Co cordage for signal poles	23.44	
Stephen Ludlam, surveying & maps	139.	
Amos Corning Do Do	61.	
Saml Jones Junior, interest on bond to 26th May 1810	477.12	
Cæsar Elston, work in Bridewell yard	185.	
Patrick M'Cartey, balance due for paving Thomas Street, South St &c	170.	
Patrick Kane & Thomas Daly contractors for paving Spring St on acct	200.	
		3019.61
Balance in treasury		24,283.69

[136] In Common Council June 25th 1810

Present Jacob Radcliff Esqr Mayor President

Esqrs Aldermen	Esqrs Assistants.
Peter Mesier	Saml Jones Junr
Thomas Carpenter	Peter Hawes
Charles Dickinson 3d	Auge H. Lawrence
James Roosevelt	Robert Bogardus
John Bingham	Wm Hoghland
William Torrey	Isaac S Douglass
Charles Dickinson 7th	Thomas Timpson
Joseph Watkins	Edmund Kirby
Mangle Minthorne	

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

A petition from a number of the inhabitants in the vicinity of Dover Street complaining of the obstructions in said street was received.

The report of the attorney on the same subject was read as follows

The attorney of the Board, to whom was referred the report of the committee on the subject of the removal of certain incumbrances from Dover Street between Water & Front Streets reports, that on the 6th day of March 1752, a grant was made by the Corporation to Ann Margaret Clarkson from Water Street to Front Street 200 feet in length; but no street by the name of Dover Street is mentioned in such grant; that the Clarkson family sold to a Mr Kip & Degrushe. The part now claimed by Mr Lawrance is the part formerly owned by Mr Degrushe, Mr Kip's proportion remained in the family until some few years since, when the same was sold bounded on a street (agreed as Mr James Kip now says between Mr Degrushe and his father) to be opened between them; but which never [137] was ceded to the Corporation, nor paid for by them

On the 18th day of January 1806, the Corporation made a grant to Mr Lawrance for property between Front Street and South Street and bound the same South Westerly by Dover Street and Mr Lawrance to make one half of a Street to be called Dover Street from Front Street aforesaid; but I have not been able to discover any agreement, or other writing, by which the proprietors were bound to open a street by the name of Dover Street from Water Street to Front Street. In a conversation with Mr James Kip, he says, it was always understood by his father and upon that idea he should have acted, had the property continued in him, that each of the proprietors of ground between Water and Front Streets were to yield an equal proportion for the making and continuing of Dover Street and upon that principle he sold binding his property in Dover Street. From these facts it does not appear, but that Mr Lawrence has a right to the property claimed by him, and if he refuses to open the same, will be entitled to a compensation therefor. I am of opinion, that but one of two things can be adopted; either to submit Mr Lawrence's title to an arbitration and let them say what he ought to have and which mode he assents to, or to pursue the method pointed out by the statute by having the same valued by a jury. The former method will be least expensive.

(signed) Isaac A. Van Hook.

Whereupon resolved, that this Board will agree to refer the question of title to said street between them & Mr Lawrence to referees to be chosen. And on Mr Lawrence's consenting to the same, that his Honour the Mayor be authorised to appoint a referee on the part of this Board

A petition was received from Peter Hatteric praying the repayment of the sum of $25, paid [138] by him to Oliver Jaques on the assessment for Canal Street & the sum of $170 paid by him to John

S. Hunn on the assessment for Amity St Ordered, that the same be referred to the Street Commissioner

The petition of William Cunningham for the grant of a water lot at Brooklyn was referred to the Comptroller

Petitions from Ann Hart & Rachel Davie to sell vegetables in the public markets; of Elizabeth Stratton for a Coffee stand of Joseph Place to sell poultry &c on commission in the Fly Market and of sundry butchers in the Fly Market, praying, that the stand lately occupied by Francis Arden deceased may be left vacant, as they are already too much crowded in said market, were received and referred to the Market Committee

A petition for granting a licence to drive a cart to Mathew Fox Junior, he being a minor was received. On the question to grant the same, a division having been called, the members voted in the following manner

Affirmative		Negative	
Alderman Mesier		Alderman Dickinson 3d	
Carpenter		Roosevelt	
Mr Jones		Bingham	
Lawrence		Torrey	
Hoghland		Dickinson 7th	
Douglass		Watkins	
Kirby		Minthorne	
Timpson	8	Mr Hawes	8

The members being equally divided, his Honor the Mayor gave his vote in the affirmative. So a licence was ordered to be given to the petitioner

A petition from John Bogart, praying remission of a penalty for breach of the ordinance [139] respecting forestalling was received. Whereupon ordered; that the Attorney suspend issuing execution until the further order of the Board.

A petition from sundry fishermen was received, stating, that they understood the Corporation had ordered them to remove their fish cars to Brooklyn and stating, that this would be a great inconvenience & would prevent them from supplying the market as promptly as was necessary. Alderman Mesier stated, that the Market Committee had that morning given directions to the Fishermen, where to station their cars on this side the river. Whereupon resolved, that the regulation of the Market Committee be approved: and further resolved, that the City Inspector and Street Commissioner order the fish cars to be removed from the Dock and Ferry Stairs at the Fly Market, and that the Fishermen be no longer permitted to place them there

A further petition from Ruben Drake for remission of the penalty incurred by him was received. Whereupon resolved, that the Attorney be authorised to discontinue the suit on security being given, that the defendant will remove from the city and on payment of costs

A petition from the inhabitants of the Ninth ward, stating that the hill near Harlaem heights was so steep as to render it unsafe for travellers was received & referred to the Road Committee

A petition of William Donovan for remission of a penalty incurred by a breach of the Carriage Law was received. Ordered, that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition

A petition of Isaac Keeler to be appointed Collector for the assessment on Delancey Street was received and ordered to be laid on the table

[140] A petition of Peter Tharpe to be appointed Collector of the Dog tax was received & ordered to lie on the table.

The several petitions of Samuel L Page Junior, Robert Degrushe, Anthony Ernest, A. Ledyard and Robert Thorn to be appointed to make the Jury list were received and laid on the table

A request of the Commissioners of Canal Street for an advance to them of $2000 was received. Ordered, that a warrant be reported for that sum by the Comptroller

A petition was received from Jonas Humbert and Benjamin Aycrig, in behalf of the General Committee of arrangements for the aid of the Corporation on the 4th of July next.

Mr Jones proposed the following Resolved, that the Committee of arrangements of this Board be authorised and directed to cause such measures to be adopted and to furnish such means for the celebration of that day as has been customary and usual, on the part of the Common Council, which was agreed to

A letter was received from John Pintard stating, that he forwarded to the Board the indexes of their minutes agreeably to the report of their Committee of the 20th November last and requested, that a warrant might be issued to him for $300. Ordered, that the Comptroller report a warrant for that sum

The case of James Hewitt, which, at the last meeting of the Board, was referred to the Commissioners of the Alms House, not having been acted upon by them, the Board now directed that his Honour the Mayor allow to said Hewitt $21 for payment of an account for his board and such further sum to defray his expences home, as he [141] shall judge proper.

Petitions of John Smith & Samuel Bell Minors for licences to drive carts were received. Ordered to be referred to the Committee on applications. Mr Hawes then moved, that in future, no minor should be licensed to drive a cart. On the question to agree to the same, a division having been called, it passed in the Negative in the manner following

Negative

Alderman Mesier
Bingham
Mr Jones
Lawrence
Bogardus
Hoghland
Douglass
Timpson
Kirby 9

Affirmative

Alderman Carpenter
Dickinson 3d
Torrey
Dickinson 7th
Minthorne
Watkins
Mr Hawes 7

Whereupon resolved, that a special committee be appointed to receive all applications from minors for licences to drive carts and that they examine into and report upon the individual cases. The Committee appointed were Alderman Watkins, Carpenter & Mr Hoghland

The report of the Committee on the petition of William Johnson made at the last meeting was now read in the words following "that the public slips & with the revenues of the same were leased or farmed to the said William Johnson for two years, commencing the 1st day of May 1806 and ending the 30th April 1808, at the sum of seventeen thousand dollars per annum: and that the sum or balance of two thousand five hundred & sixty dollars remains due upon the contract; that some time previous [142] to the 3d day of July a suit was directed to be brought upon the bond of the Lessee or contractor and his sureties for the recovery of that balance and that the said William Johnson, on the said third day of July 1809 made an application to the Common Council for relief, asking remission of the debt, on the grounds herein after stated, which petition was referred to the committee on wharves, slips and piers for the time being, who never made a report thereon

The Committee further report, that the said William Johnson has laid before them his books and also produced to them an affidavit of his Clerk or Bookseller, which is annexed to this report, shewing that the whole receipts of wharfage &c. during the continuance of his contract or lease according to those extracts and affidavit amounted to the sum of $31.874.66½ being $2125.33½ less than the rents or sum agreed to be paid for the same to the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York by his aforesaid lease or contract. This statement is made the principal ground of the Contractor's application for relief: & if it be free from error, though it is no defence against the demand of the corporation for the balance remaining due upon the contract, it presents a case, which has some claim to the favour of the Common Council. The petitioner further states, that he was induced to give the above mentioned rent for the public slips and wharves by advertisements and credible information, that additional slips would be immediately made by the Corporation for the better accommodation of vessels & to the obvious increase of the wharfage, whereas in fact, no such additional slips were made during the continuance of his term; but that on the contrary the accommodation of vessels and the consequent [143] receipt of wharfage was diminished by filling up part of Beekman's Slip and the Fly Market Slip. The Committee are unable to make any report as to the information or assurances, which may have been given to the Lessee or contractor to be made to the public slips or wharves, during his term, no evidence having been produced to them on that point further than the allegation of the petitioner himself; And as to the alterations made in the two slips, the Committee have no reason to believe, that any material effect was produced thereby to the prejudice of the wharfage or revenues thereof

The Committee forbear to express any opinion to the Board, as to the prayer of the petitioner. They confine themselves to a statement of the facts & circumstances of the case and leave the Common Council to make such decision upon it as shall appear just and equitable

S. Jones Junior
(signed) Thomas Carpenter
Edmund Kirby

Whereupon it was moved, that the attorney of the Board be directed to prosecute for the balance on his contract exclusive of interest. On the question to agree to the same, it was carried in the affirmative.

The Committee, to whom the petition of sundry inhabitants of Maiden lane, praying to have the street repaved, and a remonstrance against it reported, that they have examined the same and are of opinion, that there is no real necessity for repaving the whole of the street, as some of the inhabitants have lately been to considerable expence in repaving their walks &c. The Committee further reported, that the walks in the upper part of the street are in bad order being much broken and in some places, the cellar doors interfere with the walks. They farther reported, that the gutters might be improved as many of them project [144] too far from the curb stone. The Committee, therefore recommended, that the Street Commissioner be directed to have the walks well repaired, with such other improvements as he may think proper in the gutters & cellar doors to put the street in good order"

Thomas Carpenter
(signed) Charles Dickinson
Peter Hawes.

which report was agreed to.

The Committee, to whom was referred the petition of sundry inhabitants & proprietors of Lots in South Street between Old Slip and the Coffee House slip, praying that the walks on the North side of said street may be not more than twelve feet reported, that the prayer of the petitioners ought to be granted, and that the expence of the extra paving occasioned thereby be added to the assessment and that the walks be twelve feet wide

(signed) Peter Mesier
Samuel Stilwell

which report was confirmed

The Market Committee, on the petition of M^{rs} Joshua Moore for the priviledge of selling coffee &c. in Catharine Market reported in favour of granting permission. Which report was agreed to.

The City Inspector presented drafts of ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances from N° 5785 to N° 5790 inclusive, which were passed

The Committee, on the petition of John Bogart for leave to sell country produce in the Fly Market, reported, that he was not entitled to the request made and that he have leave to withdraw his petition, which was agreed to

The Committee, of repairs, to whom was committed the representation of the Sherriff respecting [145] the City Prison, reported, as their opinion, that the roof of the prison may be prevented from leaking by covering the upper pitch with plank and corking the same, by which means the roof may last for some years and therefore wish the sanction of the Board, that the Superintendant of repairs may immediately commence the same and also make such other repairs and improvements in the prison as the committee of repairs shall judge to be absolutely necessary

(signed)
John Bingham
A H. Lawrence
Joseph Watkins

The finance committee, to whom was referred the petition of John S. Hunn late Street Commissioner with authority to suspend all suits against him until the first of May next ensuing reported, that the committee had a meeting; and that from the representation of Mr Hunn and the statements by him produced to the committee, they have thought it advisable to agree on the part of the Corporation to any arrangement, which Mr Hunn shall make with the Banks, respecting the suspending of all suits against him until the first of May next upon his assigning of all his estate to trustees for the use of his creditors without preference

(signed)
A. H. Lawrence
William Hoghland
Charles Dickinson

which report was agreed to

The Committee, to whom was referred the memorial of John Y. Van Tuyl in behalf of the heirs of Samuel Kip deceased, praying, that a partition fence may be put up between the grounds of that estate and of the Corporation at Bellevue, report, that they have viewed the ground and find, that a partition fence formerly stood there, which being old and much decayed was removed to the Alms House for fuel [146] that the committee have agreed on the part of the Corporation to the erecting a new fence of partition at the joint expence of the parties, the heirs consenting, that the same shall be five feet within their line, thereby widening the road to Bellevue for the accommodation of the Corporation, reserving, however, to themselves the right to reclaim the same, whenever they may find it necessary. in which case the fence is to be removed to the true line at the expence of the Corporation

(signed)
Nicholas Fish
A. H. Lawrence
Mangle Minthorne
John Bingham

which report was agreed to

The Committee, to whom was referred the petition of George Walgrove respecting the hay scales at the foot of Duane Street reported, that they find by an ordinance of the Board the preference is given to hay vessels, on the west side of Whitehall & George's Slips from the head to the end of the pier; and that having examined the wharf at Duane Street, are of opinion, that an ordinance be passed giving the priviledge in preference to all other vessels of one birth of a vessel in the South East corner of said basin and from thence to the outer end of the West side thereof

John Bingham
William Hoghland

which report was agreed to

The Street Commissioner presented an ordinance for regulating and paving Mott Street from Hester to Spring Streets, which was passed. The Assessors proposed were laid over.

The Street Commissioner presented the assessment for regulating & paving Delancey Street from the Bowery to Norfolk Street, which was confirmed [147] and John T. Baimbridge appointed collector

The Street Commissioner presented the Assessment for paving Third Street from Hester to Grand Streets, which was confirmed and John T Baimbridge appointed collector.

The Street Commissioner presented a return of delinquents upon the assessment for Lombardy Park. Whereupon ordered, that a warrant issue to Arunah R. Martin the collector, to collect the sums due thereon.

The Street Commissioner presented the Assessment for opening Walker Street revised by the Assessors, which was confirmed & Noah Jarvis was appointed collector.

The report of the Ferry Committee of the 7th ultimo, which was directed to lie for further consideration was read and the blanks being filled up was agreed to in the words following.

"The Ferry Committee, to whom was referred the petition of Abraham R. Lawrence praying for permission to establish a ferry from Great Barn Island to Long Island beg leave to report,

That they have examined the place where said ferry is to be established, and are of opinion, that it is suitable for that purpose; as it will accommodate the inhabitants going from the upper part of this Island to Long Island, as well as those coming from the country

The Committee, therefore, after duly considering the case, believe, that the prayer of the petitioner ought to be granted and a lease given for ten years at one dollar per year, upon condition & with such clauses as may be thought necessary to protect passengers from toll on Ward's Bridge, should any be required of them

Thomas Carpenter
(signed) Peter Hawes
William Hoghland

[148] The preceding report was agreed to with this further condition, that the lessee enter into a covenant, that he will, at any time within ten years from the date of said lease when there unto required by the Corporation, sell to the Mayor, Aldermen & Commonalty of the City of New York one acre of ground contiguous to the landing place of the ferry, at such price as shall be estimated by persons indifferently chosen betwen the said Mayor, Aldermen & Commonalty and the said Lessee

The Committee, to whom it was submitted to devise a proper form to be adopted in making a jury list presented their report, which was agreed to & which is as follows

Resolved, that the persons to be appointed in the several wards to take the census or enumeration of persons therein qualified to serve as Jurors, at the same time take a census also of all the inhabitants residing in the said city, distinguishing in distinct additional columns, the white Inhabitants male & female; the negroes and people of colour male & female; Slaves, males & female and aliens male & female.

The Board then proceeded to chose by ballot the persons to take the Jury lists in the several wards, when the following persons were appointed.

1st ward, Thomas Bolton, Peter W. Van Vinkle
2d ward, John Bloodgood, Stephen M. Wilmart
3d ward, Peter Aymar, John M. Reid
4th ward, Noah Jarvis, Leonard Fisher
5th ward, Cornelius Crygier, Anthony Ernest
6th ward, Lewis Angevine, George Gardner
7th ward, Arunnah R Martin, Benjn S. Knapp
8th ward, Benjamin Hicks, Asa Holden
9th ward, William Wilmerding, William Brady
10th ward, Abraham Boyce, Adrian F. Van Bokelon

Ordered, that the City Inspector have prepared [149] the necessary books and forms for the persons above appointed to make a census.

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of sundry inhabitants of the Tenth ward, complaining of large deposits of manure, which was very offensive, reported, That they have attentively viewed the premises and are of opinion, that the complaint of the petitioners is well founded. Different individuals, speculators in the article of manure, have, for some time past, been in the habit of depositing large quantities, in various parts of the ward, between Broome & Rivington Streets; and as their sole object appears to be their own private interest, there it not only remains but is suffered to accumulate till they can dispose of it at the highest price. These heaps are placed on vacant spots of ground, which, in general, belong to gentlemen residing in the city, to whom the offensive smell of the manure cannot of course be inconvenient; but to the inhabitants, who reside in the vicinity of these deposits, it has been and as the hot weather progresses, will continue to be a very serious evil, which your committee are of opinion, ought immediately to be removed.

For several years past, cartmen and others have been prohibited by law from depositing or heaping manure, at any place Southward of Broome Street &c. At the time, this law was passed, the limits therein mentioned, were no doubt perfectly proper; but since that time the city has been so far carried out into what was then the country, that it now appears necessary, that the line for depositing manure should be extended to the Northward of North Street. They therefore, respectfully submit to the consideration of the Board the draft of an ordinance, which, if passed, they believe would not only obviate the complaints of the petitioners in this case but likewise be conducive [150] to the public good

(signed) Mangle Minthorne
J Morton

which report was agreed to & the following ordinance passed in conformity thereto

A Law

to amend a Law for the appointment of Superintendants of Streets and for other purposes.

1st Be it ordained by the Mayor, Aldermen & Commonalty of the City of New York in Common Council convened, that it shall not be lawful for any cartman or other person whatsoever, except under the directions of the Superintendants of Streets, or one of them and for public uses, to deposit or heap manure, at any place Southward of a Line beginning at the Hudson River & running from thence through Hazard to Hancock Street; from thence to and along Prince Street to the Bowery Road; and from thence to & along Stanton Street to the East River under the penalty of twenty five dollars for each offence and the further penalty of one dollar for every twenty four hours, in which the same shall remain so deposited or heaped

2d And be it further ordained, that the 18th section of the law, to which this is an amendment be and the same is hereby repealed

Mr Hawes proposed the following ordinance, which having been read by paragraphs was passed

A Law Concerning Dogs

1st Be it ordained by the Mayor, Aldermen & Commonalty of the City of New York, that from & after the tenth day of July next, no dog shall be suffered to go at large in the City of New York; and if after that day any dog shall go at large in the City of New York, the owner or possessor thereof [151] shall forfeit and pay the sum of ten dollars for each offence. Provided, however, that if such dog going at large as aforesaid shall have on the neck thereof a collar, on which shall be plainly inscribed the name of the owner or possessor thereof and the street and number, or other sufficient description of such owner or possessor, such owner or possessor shall forfeit & pay the sum of five dollars for each offence

2d And be it further ordained, that every dog, which, from and after the said tenth day of July next, shall go at large in the city of New York, without having on its neck such collar as aforesaid shall be liable to be seized & killed by any person or persons whomsoever; and that every dog, which shall go at large in the City of New York having on the neck such collar as aforesaid, may be taken up and confined by any person or persons whomsoever, and if the owner or proprietor of such dog shall not within twenty four hours after notice given to him or her of such dog having been taken up and confined as aforesaid, pay the amount of the fine or forfeiture incurred as aforesaid, it shall be lawful for the person, who shall have taken up and confined such dog, to kill such dog or otherwise to keep and retain such dog to his or her own use

3d And be it further ordained, that it shall be the duty of every person, who shall, in pursuance of this ordinance, take up and confine any dog as aforesaid, within twenty four hours thereafter, to give notice in writing to the City Inspector, and to the person, whose name shall be on the said collar, if he or she can be found, & if not, at the place mentioned on the said collar, of the said dogs being so taken up and confined *to-* [152] together with the inscription on said collar and that in default thereof he or she shall forfeit the value of the said dog to the owner or proprietor thereof and also all right to any part of the penalty incurred by virtue of this ordinance

4th And be it further ordained, that any person, who shall have taken up any dog, in pursuance of this law, shall, after the expiration of one week, from and after his or her so *so* having taken up & kept such dog, in his or her custody, be deemed and taken as the owner or possessor of such dog for all the purposes of the penalties or forfeitures imposed by this ordinance

5th And be it further ordained, that if the person or persons offending against this law shall be a minor, apprentice, bound servant or slave, the parent or guardian, master or mistress or owner of such minor, apprentice, bound servant or slave shall. be and hereby is made answerable for such fine or forfeiture as aforesaid together with costs of suit.

6th And be it further ordained, that the attorney of this board shall be authorised, after the recovery and receipt of any penalty, under and by virtue of this ordinance, to pay over to the person, who shall give the said attorney such information of any offence against this ordinance as shall enable him to prosecute the offender to judgment, the one half part of the penalty so recovered. And that it shall be the duty of all constables & marshals in this city to use their endeavours to carry this law into effect

7th And be it further ordained, that the ordinance of the Corporation entitled "A Law concerning dogs" passed January 11th 1808 be and the same is hereby repealed

[153] 8th And it is further provided, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to apply to any dog, which shall be kept North of the Lamp district of this city, and which shall not in any case come within the said district.

The City Inspector presented an ordinance for regulating taverns & boarding houses, which was passed in the words following

A Law

Concerning Taverns & Boarding Houses

Be it ordained by the Mayor, Aldermen & Commonalty of the City of New York in Common Council convened, That the City Inspector shall cause all taverns and boarding or lodging houses in this city to be examined and reported to his office, and that the number of each house so reported, the tenant or occupier thereof, the number of boarders or lodgers therein with their names & conditions, the street, in which such house is situated, the number of apartments contained therein, and the apartments appropriated to the use of lodging rooms be specified in such report; and that the City Inspector for the purpose of performing the duties enjoined by this ordinance, be authorised to employ the persons appointed Assistants to the Board of Health

2^d^ And be it further ordained, that the City Inspector with the aid of the persons appointed or to be appointed as aforesaid by the Board of Health shall determine the number of boarders and lodgers allowed to be kept in each house reported as aforesaid & cause notice thereof to be given to the tenant or occupier of such house

3^d^ And be it further ordained, that every keeper of a tavern, boarding or lodging house who shall entertain or accommodate any boarder or lodger above the number so allowed, shall forfeit & pay for each supernumerary boarder or lodger the sum of [154] twenty five dollars, to be recovered by the said Mayor, Aldermen & Commonalty for the use of the said city

4^th^ And be it further ordained, That it shall be the duty of the City Inspector, with the aid of the persons so appointed or to be appointed by the Board of health to inspect or cause to be inspected all houses reported as aforesaid, as often as he shall judge necessary, and at least once a week from the first day of May, in every year; and the said Inspector shall prescribe such regulations to be approved by the Common Council, as may be most conducive to the preservation of the health of the said city, as he shall deem proper.

5^th^ And be it further ordained, That the keeper of every tavern or boarding house, whether the same be so reported or not, shall give notice in writing to one of the Commissioners of the health office of all & every boarder, who may be sick in such house, within twelve hours after such boarder shall be taken sick or come into such house, between the 1^st^ day of May and the 1^st^ day of November in each year, under the penalty of one hundred dollars for every omission or neglect, to be recovered in manner aforesaid for the use of the said city

6^th^ And be it further ordained, that the said Inspector shall make a weekly report to the Common Council of his proceedings in the execution of this ordinance; and if any person shall resist or prevent the inspector or any of his agents from inspecting as aforesaid, the offender shall forfeit for every offence the sum of twenty five dollars, to be recovered in the manner aforesaid, for the use of the said city

M^r^ Jones called up the resolution respecting the pay of the City Watch & after some [155] *some* debate thereon the further consideration was postponed

The Comptroller reported Cash in the Treasury	$26,189.22
Warrants not presented	627.91
Bal^{e}	25,561.31

Whereupon ordered, that his Honour the Mayor issue his warr^{t} for payment of the following sums

Lawrence & Van Wart watch		$474.32	
Farrington & White D^{o}		582.72	
Goodheart & Hays		643.44	
Sam^{l} M. Hopkins & Ins^{s} 2d w^{d}		24.	
Southwick & Pelsue printing		211.	
James Cheetham 6 m^{o} sub^{n}		38.75	
Amos Corning, surveying		97.50	
W^{m} Butler Ironwork to pumps 1st w^{d}		8.	
Henry Voorhis for drain Collect		26.49	
Jacob Halsey rep^{g} dock Duane & Jay Streets		673.68	
W^{m} Torrey Lamp Committee		1000.	
Higgins & Park 1st pay^{t} filling Corporation ground at Peck Slip		754.32	
Abraham Potts on acc^{t} regulating Greenwich Street		500.	
J. Anderson D^{o} widening East side Coenties Slip		500.	
Cha^{s} Mooney paving foot of Duane Street	138.		
D^{o} Corp^{n} Assess^{t}	268.78.	406.78	
S. Stilwell on acc^{t} filling Collect		250.	
Richard Furman Sup: Alms House		3000.	
J. H. Sickles Treas^{r} New City Hall		3000.	
J P Roome Sup^{t} of repairs payment of workmen		450.	
			12,611.
Balance in treasury			12,950.31

[156] In Common Council July 2d 1810

Present Jacob Radcliff Esq^{r} Mayor, President

Peter Mesier	Esq^{rs} Aldermen	Peter Hawes	Esq^{rs} Assistants.
Thomas Carpenter		Aug: H. Lawrence	
Charles Dickinson 3d		Rob^{t} Bogardus	
John Bingham		W^{m} Hoghland	
William Torrey		Isaac S Douglass	
Charles Dickinson 7th		Thomas Timpson	
Joseph Watkins		Edmund Kirby	
Mangle Minthorne		W^{m} A Hardenbrook	
		John Palmer	

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

The following communication was received from the Commissioners of Canal Street

"We the subscribers commissioners appointed, under the act of the Legislature of the State of New York, entitled "An act respecting streets in the city of New York" passed 20th March 1809 for the purpose of laying out a street in the city of New York by the name of Canal Street, do hereby certify and make known to the Honourable the Mayor, Aldermen & Commonalty of the City of New York in Common Council convened, that we the said Commissioners have in conformity to the above recited act, laid out the said Canal Street—beginning at the East side of Collect St eighty six feet. North and East from where Pump Street is reputed to meet Collect Street and two hundred and seventeen feet, South & West from where Hester Street is reputed to meet Collect Street, and running from thence a straight course, One hundred feet in width, throughout in the direction of North forty two degrees West, until it meets the Hudson River beyond West Street, so that the North East line of said street strikes the centre of the Post, on the South West corner of Lorton's Dock, being [157] four thousand two hundred and thirty five feet in length on the North East side and four thousand two hundred & eighty seven feet one inch and an half inch, On the South west side of said street and they have caused monumental stones to be placed at the corner of the principal intersecting streets with the elevations above high water marked on the same, and have likewise, caused maps to be made of the said street, on which are marked the distances from one intersecting street to another, with the angles at such intersections with Canal Street, with such explanatory notes, as are deemed necessary, accompanied with profiles of the same, on which are marked the elevations from High Water at the intersecting streets with Canal Street, with such field notes and elucidations as the nature of the case was deemed to require and the Commissioners have also made and compleated according to their best judgment a just and equitable assessment of all the expence for laying out & opening the said Canal Street, as well what has been incurred under any former acts of the Corporation as under the present law—among and upon all the owners or occupants of all the houses, lots and lands intended to be benefitted thereby in proportion as nearly as may be to the advantage, which each may be deemed to acquire, according to the meaning and intent of the statute in that case made and provided, and the Commissioners have caused a copy of the same to be filed *of* [on] record in the office of the Clerk of the City and County of New York together with a map and profiles of the said street agreeable to law, a description of which said map and profiles is herewith presented to the Common Council. The Commissioners have also in pursuance of the said act, caused notice to be given by advertisement in five of the Public Papers printed in the City of New York and by hand bills to all persons interested in the said assessment to state their complaints or objections in writing to the Commissioners within the period of one calendar month from the date thereof [158] and that as soon as possible after the expiration of the above period, the Commissioners will deliver to the Common Council a corrected copy of the said assessment with all the papers, vouchers and documents belonging to the same

Samuel Russel
(signed) William H. Ireland
Daniel J. Ebbets.

Whereupon ordered, that the map and profiles be filed with the Comptroller

A petition of Daniel Cotton, praying a more equal division of the districts for the inspection of manure was received & referred to the Street Commissioner & Superintendant of Streets.

A petition of Charles Holt Editor of the Columbian (a News Paper) that the Board would employ him as one of the Corporation Printers was referred to the Committee on applications

A recommendation of Alice Connelly to be permitted to have a huckster stand in the Fly Market was referred to the Market Committee

A petition from the inhabitants of Hudson, Budd, Spring and Greenwich Streets praying, that a gutter may be cut through Greenwich Streets, that the water of said streets may be discharged into the river was received and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Eighth ward and the street commissioner

A petition of Adam Walker for the remission of a fine incurred under the Sunday Law was ordered to lie on the table

A remonstrance of sundry inhabitants against repaving William Street was received, which together with a former petition on the subject and an ordinance reported this day by the Street Commissioner for repaving the same were referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 2^d^ ward and the Street Commissioner

A petition of Thomas Gilbert for remission of a fine for breach of carriage law was referred to the Attorney of [159] the Board

A petition from Leonard Bleecker, praying to be relieved from the assessment laid on him for opening Amity Street, as the same was in nowise advantageous to him, but rather injurious was received and ordered to lie on the table

A petition from sundry owners of Lots in Grand Street was received praying, that the Board would direct their former orders to be carried into effect for the permanent regulation of said street. Whereupon ordered, that the Street Commissioner cause the same to be carried into effect.

A petition was received from Abel W. Hardenbrook and from Jabez Pell, praying to have their appointment as sealers of weights and measures renewed. Ordered, that the prayer of said petitioners be granted

A petition that the wife of Samuel Willet may be permitted to have a huckster stand in the market was referred to the Market Committee

Petitions from a number of inhabitants, complaining of the indecent practice of swimming at the Battery and at Courtland Street ferry were received and referred to the City Inspector, with directions to him to select and report a suitable place on the North & also one on the East River, where the inhabitants may bathe.

A petition of Abraham Bandorin, stating, that he was a purchaser at the Inclenburgh sales and praying that the Corporation would fulfill their agreement of opening the streets through the same, or that they would return the purchase money. Ordered to be referred to the former committee on the aame subject. viz Alderman Mesier, Dickinson 7th [&] Mr Bogardus

A further petition of Thomas Hood for remission of his fine for breach of the Sunday Law was received. Ordered, [160] that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition

The attorney of the Board presented an ordinance for amending the law for the appointment of a Street Commissioner, which was passed in the words following

A Law

to amend the first part of the 22d section of the Law for the appointment of a Street Commissioner &c

And be it further ordained by the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the city of New York in Common Council convened, that no person or persons shall incumber any street, wharf or pier with any carriage, timber, boards, planks, staves, heading, pitch, tar, turpentine, grind-stones, anchors, bricks or any other kind of lumber or other things without having first obtained leave or permission so to do from the Mayor, recorder or alderman of the ward or the Street Commissioner; And that leave and permission is hereby limited to and confined to persons only, that are or shall be building or repairing houses or other buildings under the penalty of five dollars for every day they shall so continue to incumber the same"

A petition was received from Howland and Grennell praying remission of a fine incurred under the law regulating the lying of vessels at the public slips together with a representation of the Attorney of the Board of the facts relative to the case. Whereupon resolved, that the part of said fine belonging to the Corporation be relinquished on payment of the costs incurred.

A representation was received from the trustees of the Brick Presbyterian Church, that they had erected a small house on their ground adjacent to the church & that the building occupied by the Kine Pock Institution & City Dispensary stood directly in front of and incommoded their building & praying that the same may be removed was referred [161] to the former committee viz Mr Lawrence Alderman Carpenter Mr Hoghland

The Attorney of the Board stated, that from the abuses practised by several of the officers on prosecutions upon the Sunday, carriage and other laws of the Corporation, he thought it would be proper to give a discretionary power to him to stay suits, when they were vexatiously brought. Ordered, that said representation lie for consideration

A petition was received from John M'Lean stating, that he commanded a corps lately raised called the veteran corps of Artillery; that they would parade on the 4th July next & praying for 4 quarter casks of powder to fire salutes on that day: Mr Hoghland moved, that the prayer of the petition be granted. On the question being taken thereon, a division having been called, it passed in the negative in the manner following

Negative

Alderman Mesier
Carpenter
Dickinson 3d
Torrey
Dickinson 7th
Watkins
Mr Hawes
Lawrence
Douglass
Kirby
Hardenbrook
11

Affirmative

Alderman Bingham
Minthorne
Mr Hoghland
Timpson
Palmer
5

A petition was received from Ezekiel Bishop, praying that the corporation would purchase from him a small piece of ground left in opening Banker Street. Ordered that the same be referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Fourth ward & the Street Commiss^r^

[162] A petition of Fontaine & Ferris for remission of a fine for selling pork at auction was referred to the Attorney of the Board

Petitions were received from Barsillai Ransom & Joseph George to be appointed wood inspectors in place of James M'Evers deceased. On motion Barsilai Ransom was appointed to fill said vacancy

A petition of Leonard Lispenard and of Alexander L. Stewart for himself & also as guardian for Sarah B. Bache was received, stating, that from conversation with the committee, to whom their former petition was referred they are led to believe the corporation will be inclined to grant them a water right on the South side of the intended basin. They, therefore, solicit a grant therefor, agreeably to a map presented. Ordered, that the same be referred to the Street Commissioner

An account of the marshals of the Eighth ward for services in enforcing the Sunday law was received & referred to the Comptroller

On the recommendation of the Street Commissioner Christian Tripler was appointed assessor on the ordinances for Varick, North Moore & Chapel Streets, in place of Benjamin Sands & Samuel Delamater was appointed assessor on the ordinance for paving Walker Street and Lispenard S^{t} in place of Joseph Dederer

A report of the Street Commissioner on the petition of Peter Hatterick was received and referred back for further information

A communication of the Street Commissioner of a representation of sundry nuisances reported by the agent of the Board of Health was referred to the City Inspector

The Street Commissioner presented a return of delinquents on the assessment for the Bowery [163] & for Broome Streets. Whereupon ordered, that warrants issue to Isaac Keeler the collector to collect the same

The ordinance for paving Mott Street & Harrison Street, passed on the 18th ultimo were called up and John P. Ritter, George Cleland, Christian Trippler, Ebenezer Clark and Asa Holden were appointed assessors on the former and Frederick Eckert, William Stone, Samuel Delamater, Lemuel Skidmore and James Davidson were appointed assessors on the latter

The City Inspector reported ordinances from N° 5791 to N° 5802 for correction of nuisances, which were passed

A resolution respecting the lamps was presented, which was ordered to be referred to the Lamp Committee

The Market Committee on the petition of Samuel B. Hine for stall Nº 28 Fly Market reported, that as the stall is and has been, for some time vacant, they would recommend granting the same to the petitioner, which was agreed to

The Committee on the petition for granting licences to drive carts to Peter Van Blarcom & George Hagerman reported, that they had seen the young men & recommended, that licences be granted to them. On the question to agree to the report, a division having been called, it was carried in the affirmative as follows.

Affirmative		Negative
Alderman Dickinson 3d	Mr Douglass	Alderman Carpenter
Bingham	Timpson	Dickinson 7th
Watkins	Kirby	Torrey &
Minthorne	Hardenbrook &	Mr Hawes
Mr Lawrence	Palmer	4
Hoghland	11	

[164] The Committee on the petition of Fire Engine Company Nº 14 praying an increase of six men reported, that the engine of the Company Nº 14 is of the same size as Nº 32, whose number has been encreased to twenty seven. The Committee, therefore recommended, that Nº 14 be allowed to add three men, which will make their number the same with Nº 32. which report was agreed to

The Committee on the petition of Fire Engine Company Nº 28 and 31 reported that Nº 31 has a 4½ inch chamber 80 feet of leader without any suction, stands in Sugar Loaf Street near the new Sugar House in a thick settled and an increasing part of the city and where there are but few engines, the Committee are of opinion, that every part of the city ought to enjoy an equal proportion of the benefits arising from the public expenditures for security against loss by fire, according to its population; they, therefore, beg leave to recommend the purchase of a new engine of 6½ inch chamber for fire company Nº 31. They further report, that Nº 28 has a 3½ inch chamber, 80 feet of leader without suction is old & in very bad order, stands in Broadway opposite the 8th ward Liberty Pole, the committee according to their view of the population of that part of the city are of opinion, that the present fire Engine Nº 31 ought to undergo a thorough repair and be fixed so as to work with suction & then be deposited in the place of Nº 28, all of which is submitted

(signed) Joseph Watkins
Wm A. Hardenbrook

which report was agreed to. Mr Kirby gave notice, that he would move for a reconsideration at the next meeting of the Board.

The Committee of wharves on the petition of George Codwise and others reported, that they have taken the object of the petition into their consideration [165] and are led to believe, that the navigation of the river near Corlaers Hook, would be, in some measure injured by carrying out the wharves to South Street, as many of the Coasters find a convenient channel within the reef, Your Committee are, therefore of opinion that the prayer of the petitioners ought not to be granted; but that we adhere to a former report made by Alderman Dickinson and others

Thomas Carpenter
(signed) Edmund Kirby
Charles Dickinson

NB. The Committee, on reconsidering this report, recommend, that the petitioners be allowed to go as far out as the end of William Valleau's wharf, or on a paralel line with it

(signed) Thomas Carpenter

which report was agreed to. Whereupon resolved, that grants be made out to the respective proprietors of ground lying between Scammel Slip & Vailleau's dock three hundred feet from the South side of Water Street upon the usual terms

" A law to prevent disorderly assemblies of persons in the City of New York " was presented & passed in the following words

" Whereas by the constitution & laws of this state, the free exercise and enjoyment of religious profession & worship, without discrimination or preference, shall for ever be allowed within this state to all mankind, provided that the liberty of conscience thereby granted shall not be so construed as to excuse acts of licentiousness or justify practices inconsistent with peace and good order; And whereas the practice of assembling together persons of all descriptions and characters in the park and other public places in this city has been introduced and carried to an extent, which is inconsistent with the preservation of peace and good order: And tends to licentiousness and to degrade and bring into contempt and ridicule all religious worship: And whereas those places and the public streets of this city are wholly unfit for religious assemblies, and are, by law appropriated to other purposes

Be it therefore ordained by the Mayor, Aldermen & Commonalty of the City of New York in Common Council convened, that no assembly or assemblies of persons shall [166] be permitted, under the pretence of public worship in the park, on the battery, or in any of the public markets or streets of the said city, or in any other public place in the said city laid out and appropriated for the common use and benefit of the citizens of the said city, and that all and every person or persons, who shall be concerned or instrumental in collecting or promoting any such assembly in any of the said places, under such pretence shall forfeit and pay the sum of Fifty dollars for every offence, to be sued for and recovered by the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty, the one moiety thereof for the use of the said city, and the other moiety to the informer, in any court having cognizance thereof with costs of suit

2^d^ And be it further ordained, that it shall be the duty of all magistrates, constables and marshals of the said city and they are hereby enjoined to prevent all such disorderly assemblies as aforesaid & to prosecute and apprehend all persons concerned & instrumental in promoting the same

3^d^ And be it further ordained, that every constable & marshal, who shall neglect to perform his duty in the premises, shall for every neglect forfeit and, pay the sum of twenty dollars to be recovered as aforesaid." Ordered, that 500 copies of said law be printed in hand bills and distributed.

A law concerning taverns & boarding houses was presented & referred to Alderman Mesier, Bingham & Carpenter

The following persons were appointed firemen the Chief engineer certifying the vacancies

Hook & Ladder Company N^o^ 3 Greenwich

Garret Wallegrove Cistern maker Jones Street 8^th^ ward v. J. H. Blanck resigned

Engine Company N^o^ 13

Jotham Smith Merch^t^ Broadway 3^d^ ward v. Charles [167] Ferguson deceased

Alderman Mesier presented the following.

Resolved, that the Comptroller enquire & report to the Board at the next meeting whether any and how much of the public grounds and especially of grounds under water is occupied by persons having no leases or grants and for which no rent or quit rent has been paid & how long such ground has been so occupied

The City Inspector reported, that large quantities of manure, which had been deposited under permission of the former ordinance, had now become extremely offensive to the neighbourhood, & recommended, that a resolution pass, ordering the owners immediately to remove the same. Whereupon it was resolved, that the owners of manure deposited South of the line prescribed in the ordinance passed on the twenty-fifth of June do remove the same within twenty days from the date hereof under the penalty of two dollars & fifty cents for each day they shall permit the same thereafter to remain

On motion, that 500 copies of the Law respecting Dogs be printed, a division having been called, it passed in the negative as follows.

Negative		Affirmative
Alderman Bingham	Mr Palmer	Alderman Dickinson 7th
Torrey	Hoghland	Watkins
Dickinson 3d	Hardenbrook &	Mr Hawes
Mr Lawrence	Bogardus	Douglass
Kirby	9	Timpson 5

Mr Kirby called up the resolution for paving Pearl Street, which was agreed to and the Street Commissioner directed to take measures for carrying the same into effect

Mr Bogardus moved, that the different Fire [168] Wardens of the city be attached to the Fire Engine Companies of the respective wards, in which they reside. Ordered, that the consideration of the same be postponed

Ordered, that the ordinance passed on the 28th August last respecting running out a pier at Beekman Slip be referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the Second ward and the Street Commissioner

Ordered, that a special court of sessions be holden in and for the city and county on Thursday the 12th instant

Ordered, that the overseers of the roads be directed to remove all Butcher's Stalls or stands, which are in the roads or streets, where the persons have not special licence for erecting the same.

Resolved, that the Market Committee be requested to consider & report whether some regulations respecting the stands &c of fishermen in the Markets should not be adopted

On motion, Resolved, that the pay of the City Watch be raised to 87½ cents for each night to be computed from the last settlement with them; and that the pay of the Captains & Assistants be increased in the same ratio.

Ordered, that the Superintendant of repairs place a new bell of a suitable size on the Watch House of the Second District and transfer the bell now at that place to one of the markets

[169] The Comptroller reported Cash in the Treasury	$16.983.18
Warrants not presented	1043.50
	15939.68

Whereupon his Honour the Mayor was requested to issue his warrants for payment of the following sums.

James Hardie Ass^{t} City Insp^{r}	1 m^{o} to 1st inst^{t}......	62.50
R. Graves Ass^{t} S^{t} Comm^{r}	1 D^{o}	52.
And^{w} Otterson D^{o}	D^{o}	52.
Mott Hicks D^{o}	D^{o}	52.
Adrian B. Holmes D^{o}	D^{o}	52.
W^{m} P. Roome keeper Potters field	1 D^{o}	30.
Benj^{n} Demilt reg^{g} clocks 6 months......................		100.
W^{m} Torrey, sundries to Sup^{t} of repairs..................		46.48
John V. Van Tuyl removing fence at Bellevue............		27.62
Joseph Watkins, timber for public use....................		320.83
Edward Meeks, Blacksmith's work.......................		479.35
William S. Castle rep^{g} pumps 2^{d} & 3^{d} wards..............		145.65
Henry Willet smith's work for engines...................		189. 6
Cha^{s} Mooney on acc^{t} paving Jay S^{t}.......................		450.
Ab^{m} Stagg paving Spring & Mulberry S^{ts}................		355.
P. Kane & T. Dailly on acc^{t} paving Spring S^{t}.............		500.
Edward John Ball on acc^{t} of bond........................		750.
John Pintard, making indexes............................		300.
Commissioners of Canal Street..........................		2000.
W^{m} Miers, attendin Park in June........................		18.75
Isaac Fortune, rent for watch house Six months to 1st May		20.
		$6003.24
Balance in the Treasury		9936.44

[170] In Common Council July 9th 1810

Present Jacob Radcliff Esq^{r} Mayor President

Peter Mesier
Charles Dickinson 3^{d}
John Bingham
William Torrey
Joseph Watkins
Mangle Minthorne
Esq^{rs} Aldermen

Samuel Jones Jun^{r}
Peter Hawes
Aug: H. Lawrence
Rob^{t} Bogardus
Thomas Timpson
Edmund Kirby
W^{m} A. Hardenbrook
John Palmer
Esq^{rs} Assistants.

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved

A petition of Henry Fanning to be permitted to take the dirt out of Art Street West side of Broadway was granted under the direction of the Road Committee and the Street Commissioner

A remonstrance of L. and James Webb against a turpentine manufactory erecting by Mess^{s} Fellows and Donovan at Greenwich was received & referred to the Committee on Laws & ordinances with authority to report an ordinance on the subject

A petition of Cottrell and Martin was received, stating, that they had furnished Isaac Auld late contractor for lighting the public lamps with oil in the expectation, that the funds arising from his contract would be applied to the discharge of their demand; that they had a note of said Auld for \$$395^{42}/_{100}$ part of the balance due them and they prayed, that the same might be charged to the said Mr Auld's account with the corporation and they receive the same. On motion of Mr Bogardus to grant the prayer of the petition, a division having been called it passed in the negative in the manner following

Negative

Aldermen Mesier, Dickinson 3d, Bingham, Torrey, Wat- [171] kins and Minthorne and Messieurs Jones, Hawes, Lawrence, Timpson, Kirby, Hardenbrook, & Palmer 13

Affirmative

Mr Bogardus 1.

A petition was also received from Moses Dervey praying that the corporation would take an indorsement of a note for \$$153^{68}/_{100}$ given by said Isaac Auld to the petitioner for tin work to lamps & would charge said note against said Auld's account. On motion resolved, that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition

A request was received from a number of inhabitants to permit Philip Vickar to have a stand to sell meat during the warm season, at the intersection of the Broadway & Bowery, which was granted

A petition was received from Abraham Stagg for the usual allowance for two wells, one at the corner of Delancey & Ridge Streets, another at the corner of Attorney and Rivington Streets, which was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 10th ward & superintendant of repairs

A petition of Peter Donelly stating, that on Sunday last, in consequence of a gale of wind coming on, he landed about 200 boards the remainder of his cargo & had been complained of, as violating the Sunday law. Ordered, that the penalty be remitted

A petition was received from owners of Lots in Mott Street praying, that said Street may be opened between Houston & Bleeker Streets. Ordered to be referred to the Street Commissioner

A request, that the dealers in plaister of Paris might be permitted to unload their cargoes on the pier West side of Exchange Slip was read & referred to the Committee on wharves, slips & piers

A petition of Stephen Hilliker for a stand to sell meat near Prince Street in the Bowery was received. Whereupon resolved, that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition

[172] Petitions of Chloe Hudson, Margaret Mahony, Jane Piercy & Fanny Cromwell for huckster stands were received and referred to the Market committee

A remonstrance of John Edwards and Dorothy Ripley against "The Law to prevent disorderly assemblies of persons in the City of New York was read. Ordered, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw their remonstrance.

A letter was received from Bourdett Stryker Lessee of Brooklyn ferry and from Rodman Bowne Lessee of Catharine Slip Ferry, in which they state in reply to the resolution of the Board of the 18th June last, that they elected to continue their respective leases, under the law of the state as amended, trusting, however, that the Corporation will make them some allowance for the extra expences, which they are put to by the alterations in the conducting of the ferry as directed by the late law. Ordered, that the same be referred to the Ferry Committee, with authority to make arrangement with the said lessees, as to the terms, on which the said leases shall be held & report the same to the Board

An account of Nehemiah Allen for superintending the sinking of piers in South Street from the Fly Market to Burling Slip amounting to [was referred to the committee on] wharves, slips and piers and the Comptroller

A petition of Nicholas Stevens praying relief from a fine incurred by breach of the Sunday law was referred to the attorney of the Board

A representation was received from Jacob Barker, complaining of the conduct of the Attorney of the Board in a suit, which had been commenced against him was received and [173] referred to Mr Bogardus, Lawrence & Timpson

A petition of Ebenezer Backus praying remission of a fine under the Carriage Law was referred to the attorney of the Board for a statement of facts.

A petition of Sally Berrian, praying that the Board would order the stay of execution until the 1st day of August next, on a warrant against her for expences for regulating Lombardy Park was received and granted

A petition was received from Samuel Winship and David Cannon, stating, that on the 1st February last, they had leased from John

Gardner, the ferry from the foot of Grand Street; that supposing, that their lease commenced on the 1st day of May last, they had purchased boats &c and had commenced ferrying; but they find that the lease does not commence till May next; and that the Attorney of the Board has threatened them with a prosecution. They, therefore, pray, that the Board would give them a permit to carry on the ferry immediately, and that they will remit to them any penalty, which may have occurred. Ordered, that the same be referred to the Ferry Committee

An account of Abraham Child for ground taken for extending Walker Street amounting to $2088.66 and an account of George Wragg for the like purpose amounting to $900 was received and referred to the Comptroller and Street Commissioner

The following persons were appointed firemen, the Chief Engineer certifying corresponding vacancies

Company N° 30

Peter Chappel, butcher Mott Street 8th ward v. William B. Mott resigned

Company N° 12

[174] Silas Carle, cabinet maker N° 2 Cherry Street 4th ward v Isaac Stagg removed to the country

N° 24

Ebenezer Byram Cabinet maker Beaver St 1st ward v Thomas Earle deceased.

N° 6

Thomas Newman, shoemaker Cherry St 4th ward v. Jacob Thurston resigned

The Street Commissioner presented ordinances for paving Pearl Street; for digging out Grand Street from Arundle to Goerck; for regulating Willett Street, and for working the upper part of Greenwich Street, which were severally passed. The Assessors named were laid over.

The Street Commissioner presented the *assentment* [assessment] for paving Provost Street, which was confirmed & William Peters appointed Collector

The Street Commissioner further reported on the petition of Peter Hatterick, that on the 29th January 1807 John S. Hunn then Street Commissioner was appointed by the Common Council Collector of the assessment for opening Amity Street; but that no bond was given for the due performance of the trust. He further reported as his opinion, that a warrant ought to issue to M^r^ Hatteric for $88.66 which was agreed to and the Comptroller directed to report a warrant for the same

The Committee, to whom was referred the petition of sundry owners of property in that part of William Street, which lies between John Street and Fair Street for repaving the said street & the remonstrance of sundry other persons residing in said street against the same reported

That they have viewed said street & in their opinion the condition of the pavement is such that it ought to be repaved or undergo such a thorough repair as would cost nearly as much as to [175] repave it. That there are thirty one fronts in said street and that the proprietors of twenty of these have petitioned in favour of paving the street. That the Remonstrants, as the committee understand with the exception of two or three are tenants or lessees only; and that four of them are tenants to persons, who have petitioned to have the street paved. Your Committee would further add, that the principal objection by the remonstrants to paving the street is, that they are lessees, whose terms are to expire within two or three years, and that, by the conditions of their leases, the expence of paving the street will fall on them. Whether this reason is sufficient to induce the corporation to postpone the paving of the street is respectfully submitted

(signed) Peter Hawes
Samuel Stilwell

Which report was agreed to and the ordinance presented by the Committee passed. The assessors were laid over

The Committee on the petition for an engine near Spring Street reported, that the place contemplated to place the Engine House is in a Church Yard in Spring Street at a proper distance from Nº 31, the one in Broadway and the other in Greenwich Street near Mr Lispenards house and in a thick settled neighbourhood, the number of the houses being nearly equal to the village, where there are two, and increasing very fast, and therefore do recommend that the prayer of the petition be granted

(signed) Joseph Watkins
Wm A. Hardenbrook

Mr Kirby now moved, that the resolution of the Board at their last meeting on the report of the Committee on the petitions from the Fire Engine Companies Nº 28 and 31 be reconsidered. On the question "Will the Board reconsider the same?" it passed in the negative

[176] Alderman Mesier then moved, that the Committee on the Fire department be directed to enquire whether any assurances had been given by the members of those Fire Companies to M^r^ Abel W. Hardenbrook, that those engines should be built by him; and if so, that the said committee direct M^r^ Hardenbrook to construct said engines. On the question to agree to the same, it passed in the negative. It was then moved & carried, that the committee on the Fire Department be directed to carry the above reports into execution.

M^r^ Hawes presented the following ordinance, which was passed

A Law

for attaching the fire wardens in the City of New York to the several fire engines in said city. Passed July 9^th^ 1810

Section 1^st^ Be it ordained by the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York in Common Council convened, That such persons as now are, or hereafter may be appointed fire wardens in the city of New York shall from time to time be assigned & attached by the Mayor of the said City to such of the several companies of firemen, having charge of a fire engine, as he shall think proper

Section 2^d^ And be it further ordained, that the only additional duties required of the said fire wardens, in consequence of so being assigned and attached, shall be to aid & assist in procuring supplies of water, during the times of fires, to the fire engines, to which they shall so respectively be assigned & attached

M^r^ Bogardus presented the following.

Resolved, that Susanah Drake be permitted to repair the side walk in front of her house in [177] the Bowery with good hard bricks, instead of stone, which was agreed to.

The Comptroller presented the following

" Agreeably to a resolution of the Board, on the 2^d^ ins^t^ directing the Comptroller to enquire & report to the Board, at the next meeting, whether any & how much of the public grounds & especially of grounds under the water are occupied by persons having no leases or grants and for which no rent or quit rent has been paid and how long such ground has been so occupied, he has the honour to report

For the want of an accurate schedule of the estate belonging to the Corporation, much inconvenience has been experienced in defining with precision the scites of property, whether improved or otherwise. A short time after the subscriber came into office, the defect was perceived and in consequence thereof, a report was made to the Board on the 30^th^ May 1808 recommending 'that suitable registers or Field

Books should be procured, wherein to insert maps and descriptions of all the land, plots of ground, wharves, docks, slips and ferries belonging to the Corporation, whether under lease or otherwise, designating their boundaries and such other circumstances, attending them, as may give a full view of all the corporate estate. Connected with this subject, it was recommended, that the Street Commissioner be empowered to procure a map and description of all the property bounded by water within the jurisdiction of this Board south of the line of the Commissioners, designating such parts as are now occupied by docks or wharves and for which no grants have been obtained"

This proposition met with the concurrence of the Board; but owing to the constant pressure of public business, was never carried into execution

[178] The necessity of obtaining an accurate survey of the shore at Long Island from high to low water within the jurisdiction of the Corporation was obvious and two city surveyors were employed in the course of last year on that business

Considerable progress has been made and it is expected, that they will compleat the work in a few weeks. Several water grants have been issued within two years past, and the back rents paid, which had lain dormant a number of years, and it is thought that there are some more, which require investigation.

Information was received, that a piece of ground opposite to Gouverneur and Scammel Streets at Corlaer's Hook, at the head of a slip reserved by the corporation, was occupied with ship timber & unproductive to the Corporation. The subscriber viewed the premises and has since had an offer from C. Bergh & Forman Cheeseman of One hundred dollars each per annum from the 1st of May last, during the pleasure of the Board, with a condition to reserve Gouverneur Street free of incumbrances to the river

The difficulty of ascertaining the original high and low water mark on Hudson river from the Battery Northward induced the Board to direct the Street Commissioner last summer to procure a survey and map of the margin of said river from the Battery to the State prison. The want of authentic documents to establish the lines from which grants should commence, has been the cause of delaying the issuing of some grants, which have been applied for in that quarter

When any further information shall be obtained which may elucidate the objects contemplated by the resolution, it will be communicated as promptly as possible to the Board

(signed) G. N. Bleeker

Whereupon resolved, that the former report alluded [179] to and the objects of this report be carried into execution by the proper officers

The Market Committee on the petitions of M^rs^ Willet and Ann Banta for grant of huckster stands reported in favour of the petitioners, which was agreed to.

The Committee on the petition of the inhabitants of Spring, Budd and Hudson Streets reported, that it is inexpedient to alter the course of the waters in conformity to the prayer of the petitioners, as there is not elevation enough at Greenwich Street to carry the water with a proper descent into West Street

The Committee, on the petition of John Stanley reported, that in running Green Street, a part of ground leased by the petitioner had been taken and submitted whether the Board conceived him entitled to compensation. On motion, resolved, that in the opinion of the Board, the petitioner is not entitled to any allowance from this Board.

The City Inspector reported ordinances for correction of nuisances from N° 5803 to N° 5824 inclusive, which were passed

The Attorney of the Board, on the petition of Fountain & Ferris praying to be relieved from a penalty incurred by selling a quantity of provisions at auction contrary to law reported, "that a complaint had been made to him by one of the officers of the Board of health against those gentlemen. The fact being admitted, he is of opinion, that the excuse offered, that they were ignorant of the law cannot avail them, particularly as it is a law of long standing, and they persons following the profession for many years, and that they should be compelled to pay the fine," which was agreed to

The attorney of the Board on the petition of Thomas W. Gilbert praying to be relieved from a penalty incurred by galloping his horse through the [180] public streets reported, that the facts stated in the said petition are substantially true; that he was passing through the street, when there was a great collection of people running in different directions, owing to an alarm of fire, which caused the horse to be unruly and very fretful. It also appears, that the horse did several times break off a trot, upon a canter or gallop; but the witnesses are unable to say whether the same might not be owing to the fear apprehended in passing through the crowd. From all the circumstances collected, the attorney was of opinion, that so much of the said fine as the board were entitled to should be remitted on the usual terms"

Which report was agreed to.

The Committee, on the ordinance respecting Boarding Houses reported, " that they conceive many difficulties and inconveniences will attend the execution of the existing law in relation to this subject, and feeling at the same time a conviction, that some regulation in this respect ought to be enforced, they recommend the annexed draft of an ordinance, which in their opinion will both remedy the defects of the present law as also afford a proper regulation in the premises

(signed) Peter Mesier
John Bingham

On reading the law, M^r^ Hadenbrook moved that the second section of said law be struck out. On the question, a division having been called it passed in the negative as follows

Negative Ald^n^ Mesier, Dickinson 3^d^, Bingham, Torrey, Watkins Mess^rs^ Jones, Hawes, Lawrence, Kirby & Palmer 10

Affirmative M^r^ Hardenbrook, Timpson 2

[181] The ordinance was then passed in the words following

A Law
concerning taverns and Boarding houses
passed July 9th 1810

Be it ordained by the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York in Common Council convened, That the City Inspector shall cause all taverns and boarding or lodging houses in this city to be examined and reported to his office and that the number of each house so reported, the tenant or occupier thereof, the number of boarders and lodgers therein, with their names and conditions, the street, in which such house is situated, the number of apartments contained therein, and the apartments appropriated to the use of lodging rooms, be specified in such reports; and that the city Inspector, for the purpose of performing this ordinance be authorised to employ the persons appointed assistants to the Board of health and that copies of the said reports be, from time to time furnished and delivered by the City Inspector to the Board of Health

2^d^ And be it further ordained, that the City Inspector with the aid of the persons appointed, or to be appointed by the Board of Health, shall determine the number of Boarders and Lodgers allowed to be kept in each house reported as aforesaid & cause notice thereof to be given to the tenant or occupier of such house

3^d^ And be it further ordained, that every keeper of a tavern, boarding or lodging house, who shall entertain or accommodate any boarder or lodger, above the number so allowed, shall forfeit and pay for each supernumerary boarder or lodger the sum of twenty five dollars, to be recovered by the said Mayor, Aldermen & Commonalty for [182] the use of the said city

4th And be it further ordained, that it shall be the duty of the City Inspector with the aid of the persons so appointed, or to be appointed by the Board of Health, to inspect or cause to be inspected all houses reported as aforesaid, as often as he shall judge necessary, and at least one a week from the first day of May to the first day of November and at least once a month from the first day of November to the first day of May in every year and the said inspector shall prescribe such regulations to be approved by the Common Council, as may be most conducive to the preservation of the health [of] the said city; printed copies of which shall be furnished to such taverns and boarding or lodging houses as he shall deem proper

5th And be it further ordained, that the keeper of every tavern or boarding house, whether the same be so reported or not, shall give notice in writing to one of the Commissioners of the Health office of all & every boarder, who may be sick in such house, within twelve hours after [he] shall be taken sick or come into such house between the first day of May and the first day of November in each year, under the penalty of one hundred dollars for every omission or neglect to be recovered in manner aforesaid for the use of the said city

6th And be it further ordained, that the said Inspector shall make a weekly report to the Common Council of his proceedings in the execution of the ordinance; and if any person shall resist or prevent the Inspector or any of his agents from inspecting as aforesaid, the offender shall forfeit for every offence the sum of twenty five dollars to be recovered in the manner aforesaid for the use of the said city

7th And be it further ordained, That the law entitled "A Law for regulating, taverns, victualling houses & [183] boarding houses" Passed 25th June 1810 be and the same is hereby repealed

On motion, that the operation of the "Law respecting Dogs" be postponed till the further order of the Board, a division having been called, it was carried in the affirmative in manner following

Affirmative			Negative	
Alderman Dickinson 3d	Mr Lawrence		Alderman Mesier	
Bingham	Kirby		Mr Jones	
Torrey	Hardenbrook		Hawes &	
Watkins	Palmer	8	Timpson	4

On motion resolved, that Stephen Hilleker be permitted to erect a stall to sell meat beyond the two mile stone, under the direction of the Road committee

On motion of Mr Hawes, the Committee on the assessment upon Collect Street were discharged from a further consideration of the same: And on like motion, the assessment last presented to the Board was confirmed and Lewis Angevine appointed Collector

[184] The Comptroller reported Cash in the Treasury	$12671.81
Warrants not presented	239.25
Bale in Treasury	12432.56

Whereupon his Honour the Mayor was directed to issue his warrants for the payt of the following sums

Lawrence & Van Wart City Wa[t]ch	592.90	
Farrington & White Do Do	690.90	
Goodheart & Hays Do	804.30	
J. Morton Qr Salary receiving clerk	125.	
S. Stilwell Street Commr 1 qrs salary &c	377.88	
J. Bogart & others inspectors of election 3d ward	24.	
James Mills &c for Sunday 8th ward	46.50	
P. G. Hildreth ackg deeds &c	6.	
Oliver Waldron overseer of roads 1 month	330. 2	
J Mehan paving Whitehall St &c	479.28	
A Stagg paving Spring & Mulberry Sts	336.	
H. Remsen, interest on bond to Manhattan Company	3000.	
J H. Sickles Treasr New City Hall	2000.	
R. Furman Supt of Alms House	2500.	
J. P. Roome Supt of repairs	550.	
J. Morton to pay dinner 4th July	315.83	
		12,178.61
Bale in treasury		$253.95

[185] In Common Council July 16th 1810

Present Jacob Radcliff Esqr Mayor, President
Josiah Ogden Hoffman Esqr Recorder

Peter Mesier	Esqrs Aldermen	Samuel Jones junr	Esqrs Assistants.
Thomas Carpenter		Peter Hawes	
Charles Dickinson 3d		Auge H. Lawrence	
James Roosevelt		Robert Bogardus	
John Bingham		William Hoghland	
William Torrey		Isaac S. Douglass	
Charles Dickinson 7th		Edmund Kirby	
Joseph Watkins		Wm A. Hardenbrook	
Nicholas Fish		John Palmer	

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

The Board then proceeded to visit the Bridewell and the Alms House, after which the following business was transacted

Petitions were received from Joseph George, Lewis Garrins, Henry D. Trip, Joseph Reynolds, George Merritt and George Mount for the appointment of wood inspectors in place of M^r^ Beekman deceased. Whereupon, it was moved, that the Board proceed to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of M^r^ Beekman, which was agreed to and on counting the ballots, it appeared, that George Mount was duly elected.

A petition was received from the inhabitants of Broome Street, praying said street may be paved from the Bowery to Suffolk Street, and also

A petition from the inhabitants of Fourth Street, praying, that said street, between Grand and North Streets may be paved were severally read and referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the Tenth ward and the Street Commissioner

A petition of Abraham Stagg, praying, that [186] the Collectors of the assessments on Spring and Mulberry Streets may be changed or those now appointed compelled to do their duty was referred to the Street Commissioner with directions to call upon the collectors and report the facts to the Board

Permission was given to M^rs^ Renwick to construct a vault in Dey Street in front of her house under the direction of the Alderman & Assistant of the ward & the Street Commissioner

A petition of sundry butchers to be permitted to erect a temporary market at their own expence near the arsenal was received & referred to the Market Committee with directions to select a suitable place, whereon the petitioners may erect, at their own expence, a temporary market.

A petition from John Ten Brook to be allowed to continue a stand for the sale of meat in the Bowery between Rivington & Delancey St^s^ Ordered, that he have leave to erect a stand at such place as the Market Committee shall direct.

A petition from Lancatser Palmer and others, praying that a licence may be given to Blaze Ten Brook to erect a stall in the Bowery adjacent to the house of said Lancaster Palmer for the sale of meat was referred to the Market Committee

A petition of Charles Bernard for remission of a fine incurred under the carriage Law was referred to the Attorney of the Board

A petition of sundry inhabitants for the removal of a pump from the middle of the street at the intersection of Chapel & Warren Streets to the side of the same, which is within the Debtors limits was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Fifth ward and Superintendant of repairs with directions to report on the same

A petition of Josiah Pell for the appointment [187] of a City Guager was received and referred to the City Inspector with directions also to report the number of guagers, who are now in commission

A petition of the public lamp lighters for encrease of pay was referred to the Lamp Committee

A Communication from the trustees of the City Dispensary remonstrating against the removal of the building occupied by their institution until another is procured and soliciting the aid of the Common Council for that purpose was received and referred to the Committee on the petition of the trustees of the Brick Presbyterian Church viz Mr Lawrence Alderman Carpenter & Mr Hoghland

A petition of the inhabitants of Harsenville at Bloomingdale, praying, that a fire engine might be established at that place was received. On motion, that the same be referred to the Committee on the fire department, Mr Hardenbrook moved, that the prayer of the petition be granted. On the question for the reference, Mr Hardenbrook having called for a division, it was carried in the affirmative in manner following

Affirmative				Negative	
Alderman	Mesier	Mr	Jones	Alderman	Carpenter
	Roosevelt		Bogardus		Dickinson 3d
	Bingham		Hoghland		Watkins
	Torrey		Douglass	Mr	Lawrence
			Palmer		Kirby
			9		Hardenbrook
					6

The Committee on the fire department then reported a resolution, that the engine of N° 31 now not [188] in use be loaned to the petitioners during the pleasure of the Board and that the Alderman & Assistant of the Ninth ward have the same stationed at such proper place as they should direct. On motion the consideration of said resolution was postponed.

A complaint was received stating that the bell carts deposited quantities of filth near Arundle Street, which was highly offensive to the neighbourhood. Ordered, that the same be referred to the City Inspector

A letter was received from Anthony Ernest, who was appointed one of the persons to take the Jury List and census of the Fifth ward, resigning said office. Resolved, that his resignation be accepted

A petition was received from Michael Dubois and also from others, praying severally to be appointed to said office. Whereupon the Board proceeded to ballot for the person to fill said vacancy, when on counting the ballots, it appeared that Robert Thorne was duly elected

A petition was received from the trustees of the Economical school praying, that the Common Council would grant them a lot of ground whereon to erect a school house was referred to the former committee on the same subject viz Alderman Mesier, Bingham & Fish

A complaint was received stating that the road at Greenwich Street at the intersection of Hetty Street was in a dangerous situation. Ordered, that it be referred to the Superintendant of repairs with directions immediately to repair the same.

A Letter was received from John L. F Randolph, stating that on account of his bad state of health, he was under the necessity of resigning his [189] situation of Apothecary to the Alms House & Bridewell. Whereupon resolved, that his resignation be accepted. The Board then proceeded to elect a person to fill the vacancy, when Peter Increase was appointed in his stead.

An application was received from Fanny Cromwell for an huckster stand in the Catharine market, which was agreed to

A letter was received from Thomas Duggan, stating, that his necessities required a further advance to him on account of ground taken from him for opening Canal Street and requesting a bond to him of $1000. Whereupon resolved, that the Comptroller be directed to prepare and issue a bond from this corporation to said Thomas Duggan for $1000.

The following persons were appointed firemen, the Chief Engineer certifying the corresponding vacancies

Floating Engine

Isaac Doughty, cartman, N° 13 Cheapside S^t^ 7th ward v. Joseph Webb resigned.

Walter Anderson, Carpenter Front S^t^ 4th ward v Isaac Williams resigned

Henry P. Havens, grocer Front Street 4th ward v. John Mills resigned

Thomas Collins, rigger. Dover Street 4th ward v. Joseph Van Orden resigned

The attorney of the Board on the petition of Nicholas Stevens, reported in favour of remitting the fine incurred, which report was disagreed to

The Attorney of the Board on the petition of E. Backus reported in favour of remitting the fine incurred, on the usual terms, which report was agreed to

The City Inspector reported ordinances from Nº 5830 to Nº 5862, for the correction of sundry nuisances, which were passed.

[190] The ordinances past at the last meeting of the Board for repaving Pearl Street; for digging out Grand Street for regulating Willet Street were called up & Ezekiel Bishop, Abraham Hart, Robert Coles, Stephen Kingsland and Solomon Wheeler were appointed the assessors in each of the said ordinances. In the ordinance for repaving William Street, Jonathan Little, John Mowatt junʳ Robert Wardell, William Stilwell and Charles Marsh were appointed assessors. In the ordinance for working Greenwich Street, John P. Ritter, Ebenezer Clark, Asa Holden, George Cleland and Christian Tripler were appointed assessors

The Street Commissioner presented an assessment for the drain at Roosevelt Street, which was directed to be advertised in the papers employed by the Board.

The Street Commissioner presented a report on the petition of Leonard Lispenard & Alexander Stewart which was referred to the Aldermen and assistants of the 5th & 8th wards and the Street Commissioner

The Committee, to whom the papers relative to widening Stone Street at its intersection with the West side of Broad Street reported, That having viewed the premises, they are of opinion, that the public as well as the parties interested will be accommodated, should Stone Street be opened or widened by a line running from the South West corner of the Lot of John Jay Esqʳ which is also a corner of said street, to the South East corner of the house belonging to the estate of Nicholas Crugar Esqʳ deceased and occupied for several years by Mʳ Peter Kettletas lately deceased which said line is described in the map herewith presented and marked at the above described points by the letters A and B. And your Committee further recommend, that the Street Commissioner bring in an ordinance in conformity to this report

(signed) Peter Mesier, & S. Jones Junʳ

[191] which report was agreed to

The Comptroller presented a letter from Samuel Osgood Esqʳ stating, that he had procured from the Mayors office certificates of citizenship for the Reverend Messʳˢ Gunn, & Beattie & Mʳ Harsin, who were appointed to visit some congregations in Upper Canada, for which he had paid $6—that Mʳ Harsin had unknown to him already procured his certificate, for which he had paid $2 & Mr Osgood suggested, from the nature of their mission, the propriety of granting those certificates gratis. Whereupon it was ordered, that the Clerk of the Common Council be authorized to return the money received by him for those certificates

The Comptroller presented a report on the account of Thomas Scott which was referred to the Street Commissioner

The following resolution was presented and agreed to, " Resolved, that it shall & may be lawful for any of the Auctioneers using the Horse Market or Chatham Square for the sale of all horses and other animals, to canter or gallop any horse or horses offered for sale at the said place, provided such cantering or galloping shall only be within the limits of the Curb stone round said square.

On motion of Mr Bogardus, Resolved that the suspension of Samuel Winship one of the butchers be rescinded

Resolutions were offered vacating the agreement, with Alexander Andrews for lighting the lamps, he refusing to sign the contract. Ordered that the consideration of the same be postponed

On motion resolved, that the Street Commissioner fill up the remainder of the Street adjoining Duane Street

An ordinance was presented & passed in [192] *in* the words following

A Law

to amend a Law entitled " A Law to prevent the practice of swimming at improper times and places

Be it ordained by the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York in Common Council convened, that no person shall at any time swim or bathe in the waters of the East or Hudson rivers adjacent to any ferry stairs or to the Battery under the penalty of five dollars for each offence.

On motion resolved, that it be referred to the Committee on Laws & ordinances to consider whether any amendment to the Law entitled " a law to prevent disorderly assemblies of persons in the city of New York " is necessary; and that Aldermen Carpenter & Bingham be added to the Committee

The Comptroller presented the following report on the account of B. Skaats

" The Comptroller respectfully reports, that he has examined the account of Bartholomew Skaats, from which it appears, that on the 9th day of June 1809, there was a balance in his hands of fifteen dollars

& fifty six *days* [cents]. That advances have been made of Six hundred and thirty dollars to purchase fuel, making in the whole Six hundred and forty five dollars and fifty six cents; And that agreeably to his account current rendered and receipts exhibited there has been expended the sum of Six hundred & thirty dollars and ninety four cents; leaving a balance with him of fourteen dollars and sixty two cents, on the 1st Instant"

G. N Bleecker Comptroller

The following is the Comptrollers report [193] on the account of the Superintendant of repairs viz that he had examined the account of Jacob P. Roome Superintendant of repairs.

On the 31st December 1809, there was a balance remaining with the Superintendant of	$21.43
He has recd from that time till the 1st instant	2461.50
making in the whole	2482.93
out of which he has expended on the public account agreeably to vouchers produced	2364. 2
leaving a balance in his hands of	$118.91

on the 1st instant.

Whereupon ordered that the two preceding reports be filed

The Comptroller reported Cash in the Treasury	$15.327.44
Warrants not presented	19.50
leaving	15.307.94

Whereupon his Honour the Mayor was requested to issue warts for payt of the following sums.

J Morton City Inspector 1 Qr salary	312.50	
F. Lynch Inspector of Bread	91.90	
Wm M. Summers Do	86.	
John Bogart carriage hire for road come &c	44.	
Philip Jonas, carriage hire to Botanic garden	5.	
David Blakely repairing pumps	113.68	
George Collis Do Do	55.87	
James Richardson, cleaning wells	35.	
Charles M'Evers President New York Insurance Co Interest on bond to 1st July	1450.	
Peter Hatterick assesst on Amity St	88.66	
Higgins & Parks 2d payment for filling ground at Peck Slip	754.32	
B. Skaats to purchase fuel	700.	
J H. Sickles for New City Hall	2000.	
R. Furman for Alms House	2000.	7,736.93
	Balance in treasury	$7571.01

[194] In Common Council July 23d 1810

Present Josiah Ogden Hoffman Esqr Recorder President

Peter Mesier
Thomas Carpenter
John Bingham
William Torrey
Joseph Watkins
Nicholas Fish
Charles Dickinson 7th
Esqrs Aldermen

Samuel Jones Junr
Peter Hawes
Auge H. Lawrence
Wm Hoghland
Wm A Hardenbrook
Robert Bogardus
Isaac S. Douglass
Edmund Kirby
Esqrs Assistants

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

A petition from persons assessed for expences in opening Canal Street was received & referred to Alderman Mesier Mr Hawes & Mr Hoghland

A petition of Abraham Chatterton a minor for licence to drive a cart together with a recommendation of the Committee to grant a licence to said Chatterton and to Joshua Brown were read. Whereupon resolved, that licences be granted to them

A petition was received from William Frost for the appointment of measurer of grain and granted

A petition of Moses Devey praying payment of Lamp cups furnished J. Auld late lamp contractor was received and referred to the Lamp Committee

A communication of John Bray respecting an agreement between him & Mr Andrews for lighting the public lamps was received & ordered to lie on the table

A petition from the inhabitants of William [195] Street, praying that the crown of the hill in said street near the intersection of John Street may be cut down was referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the 2d ward and the Street Commissioner

A complaint of Abraham Van Rantz of the ferry at the foot of Grand Street, owned by Richard M. Woodhull was received and referred to the Ferry Committee

A petition of Ithamar Haley praying, that the Corporation would offer a reward for the discovery of an incendiary attempt upon his house on the 25th June last was received & referred to the Fire Department

A petition of Rea and Oliver praying payment for curb stone on Broadway was referred to the Street Commissioner

A representation of Edward Moran was received, stating, that he was delayed in the collection of the assessment on Spring Street, on account of the contractor not having finished the work; Ordered that the same be filed.

A petition was received from the proprietors of Lots in Murray Street, praying that the same may be widened. Ordered to be referred to the Committee on Streets and the Street Commissioner

A recommendation of Conrad Jordan for the appointment of Superintendant of Lamps & petitions from Richard Sinnott, John Hammond, & Benjamin Hicks for said appointment was received and ordered to lie on the table for further consideration

A petition from the inhabitants of Spring Street, praying, that an outlet may be made for the water from Thompson & Spring Street was referred to the Street Commissioner

A communication was received from Elias Boudinot and others in behalf of the Steam [196] Boat company [which] was directed to be referred to the former committee on the same subject viz Alderman Mesier, Bingham, Carpenter.

A petition of the proprietors of Lots in Crosby Street, praying that the curb stone may be laid and the carriage way paved in said street between Broome and Prince Streets was referred to the Street Commissioner

A petition of Charles Bird to be permitted to sell meat at a stand erected on his own ground above the two mile stone was received, and on the question "Shall the prayer be granted" it passed in the negative, the petitioner having already a stand in one of the public markets.

A petition was received from John Miller, stating that he was a lamp lighter; that in lighting one of the public lamps he was obliged to place a ladder against the side of a house; that he had been prosecuted for this as a trespass & a recovery had been had against him for six cents damages & $\$5.^{12}/_{100}$ costs and praying relief. Whereupon it was ordered, that the comptroller report a warrant for payment of the same

Petitions of Letty Mathews &. Susan Harvey for stands in the Catharine Market to sell vegetables was received and granted

A complaint was received, stating, that a pond neare Arundle Street was very offensive to the inhabitants & referred to the City Inspector.

An application of Rosewell Graves for the appointment of a city surveyor was received and granted.

The following persons were appointed firemen, the chief engineer certifying the corres- [197] ponding vacancies

N° 27

James Murray, bricklayer Lispenard Street 8th ward v. John J. Moore removed for non attendance

N° 11

Jacob Rezeau Coppersmith N° 111 Pearl Street 1st ward v. James Corwin resigned

N° 25

John Harriman, bricklayer corner of Chapel & Robinson Streets Third ward v. Abraham Morrell resigned

Charles Cromwell merchant N° 404 Pearl Street 4th ward v. John Hazard Junior resigned

The Street Commissioner presented the following resolution, which was agreed to " Resolved, that the Attorney of this Board and the Street Commissioner be authorised on behalf of this board to treat with the proprietors of ground to be taken for widening Stone Street conformably to the report of the Alderman and assistant of the 1st ward of the 16th instant and to proceed in other respects according to law to effect the opening or widening said street "

The Street Commissioner on the petition of Abraham Stagg reported, that it was entirely owing to the unfinished state of the work, that the monies due on the assessment had not been collected. Ordered to be filed.

The Street Commissioner on the report of the Comptroller, upon the petition of Thomas Scott reported " That the difference of the prices in the two accounts, on which the comptroller's report was predicated is owing to a different kind of stone being made use of. The gutter and stepping stones charged in the present account was thick curb stone and those of a higher price than those in the accompt compared. The paving in both accounts was charged by the yard; but that in the present account being a much greater distance from the place, where paving sand could be *ob-* 198r obtained & requiring much more filling than the former, made the difference in the prices. The Street Commissioner had previous to approving the account made himself acquainted with these circumstances, which he supposes the Comptroller was not acquainted with. He, therefore, recommends, that the account be paid " Samuel Stilwell St Comr

which report was agreed to and the comptroller directed to report a warrant for $843.12 for payment of the same

The Comptroller presented the following on the subject of ground at Peck Slip " As the Street Commissioner certifies, that the Dock on the West side of Peck Slip has been filled & completed according to contract, the subscriber respectfully recommends, that the Street Commissioner be authorised to cause the same to be surveyed, and apportioned into suitable building lots, and a map to be laid before the Board, for their approbation, previous to a sale, whenever they may judge best to order the same "

(signed G. N. Bleeker Comp^{r}

which was agreed to

The Comptroller and Street Commissioner to whom was referred the demands of Abraham Childs & George Wragg for ground taken to open Walker Street reported " that according to the statement of M^{r} Child, the balance due to him is $\$1518.^{66}/_{100}$; but in the assessment there is $185.^{60}/_{100}$ charged to M^{r} Child on another lot, which he says he has sold subject to the assessment ; but as it is charged to him, we think it most advisable to deduct it from his account until the assessment is collected which leaves the balance $1333.06, for which sum we recommend, that a warrant be granted

M^{r} George Wragg presents his account for the award without interest

[199] for the award without interest	$900.
His assessment is	350
Leaving a balance in his favour of	550 Dol^{s}

We advise also, that a warrant be granted to him for this sum

Samuel Stilwell S^{t} Com^{r}
G. N. Bleeker Comptroller

Whereupon Resolved, that the Comptroller be directed to report warrants for payment of the same adding to M^{r} Wragg's account interest after three months from the confirmation of the valuation of the jury

The ferry committee, to whom was referred the petition of Samuel Winship and D. Cannon reported, " that by a reference to the respective leases executed by the corporation, it appears, that on the 20th of November 1804, a lease was executed under the seal of the Corporation to Marinus Willett & Richard M. Woodhull of the ferry from Willett's wharf in the city of New York across the East River to Williamsburgh in the town of Bushwick for the term of six years from the 1st day of May next thereafter ; that on the 3^{d} day of August 1805, a lease was executed in like manner to Abraham Cannon of the ferry from the foot of Grand Street to Morrell's point at Long Island; and on the same day a lease was executed to Thomas Morrell, of the ferry from Morrell's point at Long Island to the foot of Grand Street, in the city of New York, to hold the same respectively from and immediately after the expiration of a lease thereof made to Marinus Willett for the term of six years thence next ensuing: that on the second day of February 1808, a second lease was executed in like manner to the said Marinus Willett & Richard M. Woodhull, reciting their former terms and granting the said ferry to them, as described in their first lease, from the 1st day of May 1811 for [200] *for* the term of six years next thereafter and fully to be complete and ended. From the several grants or leases above mentioned it appears that the first lease to Willett and Woodhull was understood to embrace the ground, on which the subsequent leases of a ferry to Cannon & Morrell were granted, and that the said lease to Cannon & Morrell do not commence until the first day of May next. The sub-arrangements or permits between the respective lessees, or their assigns, if any such there are, appear to your committee to be wholly immaterial to the corporation & can only be of importance to the parties in settling their rights at law. Your Committee are, therefore, of opinion, that any interference on the part of the Corporation would be improper"

Thomas Carpenter
(signed) William Hoghland
Peter Hawes

which report was agreed to, and it was further directed, that the attorney of this Board suspend all prosecutions for recovery of any penalties, which the petitioners might have incurred till the further order of the Board

The Committee on the petition of the trustees of the Economical school reported, " that having attended to the mode of instruction in said school, and having witnessed the improvement of the pupils, they are of opinion, that the institution is admirably calculated to be of extensive utility; and from the circumstance of teaching a foreign as well as the language of this country must be beneficial not only to emigrants children; but also to those of our own citizens. The respectable character of the Trustees and the indefatigable philanthropy of Monsieur Neufville its principal conductor excites a confidence, that any grant made by this Board [201] will be properly applied and extensively promote the wishes and views of the friends of literature. The legislature at their last cession not only incorporated this school;

but have also evidenced their opinion of its good tendency by a liberal grant of money; and should this Board further aid it with a site for a school room, it will then progress rapidly. By instructing (as is promised) in the higher branches of education, such paupers as may in their course, through our free school, give proof of talents, we will not only extend this branch of the charitable fund; but create an important addition to the charitable institutions of our city

The Committee, therefore, recommend, that Lots N° 24 and N° 25, on the south east side of Augustus Street, being 25 feet wide and 96 feet deep each as per map made by Gerard Banker the 22d March 1773 be granted to the trustees of said school, on condition, that said lots be occupied exclusively for the use of said school, and that when they shall cease to be so occupied, they shall revert and become again the property of this Board; And also on the further condition, that the trustees of said Economical school shall always receive and educate such paupers from our present free school as may in the opinion of the Trustees thereof be proper objects for the higher branches of education as taught in said economical school

Peter Mesier
signed John Bingham
Nicholas Fish

On the question to agree to the same, it was carried in the affirmative. It was then moved to reconsider the same, when a division having been called, it was carried in the Affirmative as follows

Affirmative

Aldermen Carpenter, Torrey, Dickinson 7th Messrs Jones, Hawes, Douglass, Kirby and Hardenbrook 8

Negative

Aldermen Mesier, Bingham, Watkins, Messrs Lawrence, *Bo-* [202]
Bogardus and Hoghland 6.

Debates being had thereon, it was moved that the Board agree to the report of the Committee, a division having been called it passed in the negative as follows

Negative	Affirmative
Alderman Torrey	Alderman Mesier
Dickinson 7th	Bingham
Watkins	Mr Jones
Mr Hawes	Lawrance
Douglass	Bogardus
Kirby	Hoghland
Hardenbrook 7	6

M^r^ Bogardus then gave notice, that he would at the next meeting of the Board move for a reconsideration of the vote taken

The City Inspector reported drafts of ordinances for correction of nuisances from N° 5863 to N° 5880 inclusive, which were passed.

The Attorney of the Board, in the case of Charles Bernard reported, that in his opinion the fine incurred by the petitioner ought not to be remitted, which report was agreed to

The Superintendant of repairs requested leave of absence for a few days, which was granted.

The Comptroller presented the deed from the Corporation to the Trustees of the Brick Church for the Lot N° 21 in Augustus Street, which having been examined by the Recorder was directed to be executed and delivered.

[203] The Comptroller reported cash in the treasury	$10.534.46
Warrants not presented	1.455.
	9.079.46

Whereupon His Honour the Recorder was requested to issue his warrants for payment of the following sums.

Lawrance & Van Wart, Watch	592.90	
Farrington & White D°	690.90	
Goodheart & Hays D°	804.30	
B. Hart, powder &c for 4th July	226.15	
O'Neil & Lee, sinking a well in Henry Street	38.	
Higgins & Parks, balance for filling ground at Peck Slip	1508.64	
Ab^m^ Stagg on acc^t^ paving Delancey S^t^	355.	
Andw Lynch filling tan yards between Magazine, Cross S^ts^ &c	130.	
Cha^s^ Mooney, bal: on paving Duane S^t^	110.94	
Charles Daly & James Kelly for paving Spring Street	53.60	
S. Stilwell to pay John Mehen bal for paving Whitehall S^t^ &c	50.92	
Charles Hunt filling in lots in Orange S^t^ ⅓ of contract	91.66	
Charles Dickinson Treasurer of the Board of Health	500.	
William Torrey Chairman of Lamp Committee to pay lamp lighters	200.	
		5.353. 1
Balance in the treasury		$3.726.45

Adjourned to meet to morrow at 4 o'clock afternoon

[204] In Common Council July 24th 1810

Present Josiah Ogden Hoffman Esqr Recorder President

Peter Mesier
Thomas Carpenter
Charles Dickinson 3d
John Bingham
William Torrey
Charles Dickinson 7th
Joseph Watkins
Nicholas Fish
Esqs Aldermen

Samuel Jones Junr
Peter Hawes
Aug: H. Lawrence
Wm Hoghland
Isaac S. Douglass
Thomas Timpson
Edmund Kirby
John Palmer &
William A. Hardenbrook
Esqs Assistants

The minutes of the last meeting were read & approved

A communication from Alexander Andrews offering to execute the contract for lighting the public lamps relying that the corporation will reimburse him for the additional nights. Ordered to lie on the table.

A communication from the debtors confined in goal, complaining of the inattention of the physicians of the Board was received & referred to Alderman Torrey Mr Hoghland & Mr Palmer.

The Street Commissioner presented an ordinance for paving Crosby Street, which was passed. The assessors therein named were directed to lie over.

Alderman Mesier called up the resolution proposed on the 16th which having been read, debated and amended was agreed to in the words following "Whereas Mr Alexander Andrews has refused to execute the contract for lighting the public lamps of the Western district of the city, alledging, that nine nights instead of five as specified in the proposals, under which he engaged, should be allowed to him. Resolved, therefore, [205] that said Andrews be discharged, and that the Lamp committee take order for lighting the lamps of said Western district, at the public expence, Provided, however, that if the said Committee shall be of opinion, that it is necessary to employ an additional superintendant, they report such opinion to the Board.

Mr Hawes called up the consideration of the Dog Law and moved, that it be ordered to go into operation. It was then moved, that the said law be reconsidered, which was agreed to. In considering the same, it was moved, that the first section be so amended as that only one penalty be recovered for any offence, during a year. A division having been called, thereon, the amendment was agreed to, the members voting as follows

Affirmative		Negative
Alderman Carpenter	Mr Jones	Alderman Mesier
Dickinson 3d	Lawrence	Dickinson 7th
Bingham	Hoghland	Fish
Torrey	Douglass	Mr Hawes
Watkins	Timpson	Hardenbrook
	Kirby 11	5

It was then moved, that the consideration of the same be postponed to 1st January next, which was lost. It was then moved, to be referred to the Committee of Laws, which was also lost. It was then moved, that it be referred to a special committee. A division having been called, it was carried in the affirmative in manner following

Affirmative

Aldermen Mesier, Carpenter, Dickinson 3d, Bingham, [206] Fish, Messieurs, Jones, Hawes, Lawrence, Hoghland and Timpson 10

Negative

Aldermen Torrey, Dickinson 7th, Watkins, Messieurs Douglass, Kirby & Palmer. 6

His Honour the Recorder appointed the following gentlemen to compose the committee viz Alderman Fish, Mesier, Bingham

The Lamp Committee, on the petition of the Lamp lighters reported, that on enquiry they find, that heretofore it has not been usual to light as many nights as was required by contract; but that since the 11th day of June, two nights have been added. It is, therefore, the opinion of the lamp committee, that one penny per lamp for each of the two additional nights, they may be lighted shall be added to their present pay. All which &c

signed William Torrey
Thomas Carpenter

Which report was agreed to

Mr Kirby moved, that permission be granted to Blaze Ten Brook to erect a stall for the sale of meat adjoining the house of Lancaster Palmer, which was negatived

Mr Lawrance, in behalf of Mr Bogardus, moved, that the decision of the Board, at their last meeting, on the report of the committee upon the petition of the Trustees of the Economical School be reconsidered. A remonstrance from a number of inhabitants agt granting the said lots in Augustus Street to the trustees of the said Economical school. After debates thereon, it was moved, that the report of the committee be agreed to. The Question being taken thereon and a division having been called, it passed in the negative in the manner following

[207] Negative		Affirmative	
Alderman	Carpenter	Alderman	Mesier
	Torrey		Dickinson 3d
	Dickinson 7th		Bingham
	Watkins		Fish
Mr	Hawes	Mr	Jones
	Timpson		Lawrence
	Kirby		Hoghland 7.
	Hardenbrook		
	Palmer 9		

Ordered, that the Superintendant of the Alms House have permission to deposit wood in the yard adjacent to the Free School for the use of the widow's society

Mr Hardenbrook called up the resolution proposed on the 16th instant on the petition of the inhabitants of Harsinville, which being read was as follows "The Committee, to whom was referred the petition of the inhabitants of Harsenville for a fire engine recommended the adoption of the following

Resolved, that fire engine No 31 now out of use & in possession of Wm A. Hardenbrook be loaned to the petitioners during the pleasure of the Board & that the Alderman & Assistant of the Ninth ward be directed to have said engine stationed in a proper place in Harsen Ville or its vicinity, as in their judgment they may think proper

Joseph Watkins
signed William A Hardenbrook
Charles Dickinson

which report was agreed to

On motion resolved, that the Committee on the fire department be directed to collect all the machinery of the fire department not in use and dispose of the same by sale at public auction or otherwise & report their proceedings to the Board.

[208] In Common Council July 30th 1810

Present Jacob Radcliff Esqr Mayor President

Thomas Carpenter	Esqs Aldermen	Saml Jones junr	Esqs Assistants.
Charles Dickinson 3d		Peter Hawes	
John Bingham		Augs H. Lawrence	
William Torrey		William Hoghland	
Charles Dickinson 7th		Thomas Timpson	
Joseph Watkins		John Palmer	

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

An invitation of the Trustees of Columbia College to the Common Council to join in the procession from the College Green, to attend the general commencement of said college, on the 1st day of August next was received. Whereupon resolved, that the Common Council accept said invitation & will attend accordingly

A request from a committee of the Students of Columbia College for permission to fix chains in front of Trinity Church to prevent the passing of carriages, during the exercises at the commencement on the 1st day of August next was received. Whereupon resolved, that it is not expedient to comply with said request.

An account of Alexander Andrews for the lighting of lamps was referred to the Lamp Committee

A complaint of William Lozin of sundry lots in Greenwich Street was referred to the City Inspector

A petition of Peter Ogilvie and others praying, that new proposals may issue for regulating Grand Street, and a communication from Robert Carnley, whose offer had been the lowest and who had a certificate to that effect from the assessors on said street were [209] referred to the Street Committee and the Street Commissioner

A petition for regulating Goerck Street was also received and referred to the above committee.

A petition of Joshua Jones for a water grant for a lot on the East River was received & referred to the Committee on wharves, slips and piers

A petition of James Richardson praying, that the Common Council will indulge him until the first day of October next for payment of assessment upon him for Bowery Lane was received, and on motion granted

A petition of Mary Slater, praying that the Board would, on account of her poverty, remit to her a sum assessed. upon her for opening Bancker Street was received & referred to the Committee on Charity.

An application of Peter Baptist for payment for ground taken for opening Walker Street was referred to the Street Commissioner and the Comptroller

A petition of Dennis Dougherty stating, that while at work at the the New City Hall, he was greatly injured by the fall of a roller & praying the assistance of the Board: and a petition of John Shearman for relief were referred to the Committee on the Alms House

A petition of Hook and Ladder Company at Greenwich to be supplied with sundry articles, which they deemed necessary, was referred to the Committee on the Fire Department and the Chief Engineer

Permission was given to Edward M'Laughlin and Malby Gelston to construct vaults in front of their houses in Barclay Street, under the direction of the Alderman and assistant of the ward and the Street Commissioner

An account of Marshals for attending at M^r^ Broad's Church was referred to the Comptroller

The City Inspector reported ordinances for correction of nuisances from N° 5881 to N° 5900, which were [210] passed.

The Committee, to whom was referred the petition respecting certain alterations in the intersection of John and William Street reported, that in their opinion, the prayer of the petition ought to be granted; and they reported an ordinance for carrying the same into effect, which was passed and John Mowatt Junior, Robert Wardell, William Stilwell, Charles Marsh and John Hyslop were appointed assessors

The Street Commissioner presented the following assessments, which were confirmed & the following persons appointed Collectors viz on the assessment for regulating Chapel Street from Leonard to Lispenard Street and an assessment for regulating and paving Lispenard Street from Church to Chappel Street, Jonathan C. Delavan was appointed Collector. On the assessment for Roosevelt Street drain Arunah R. Martin was appointed collector. On the assessment for regulating & paving Mott Street from Hester to Spring Street & on the assessment for regulating Stanton Street from Ridge to Pitt Street Zadock Hadden was appointed collector. On the assessment for regulating and paving Mott Street from Spring to Prince Street, Lewis Angevine was appointed the Collector. On the assessment for paving South Street from the Coffee House Slip to the Old slip Noah Jarvis was appointed collector

The Street Commissioner presented an assessment for regulating Streets round Hudson Square, which was directed to be referred back to the assessors to correct an improper charge for laying the assessment.

The Street Commissioner stated that Oliver Jaques, the Collector of Varick Street found difficulty in collecting the assessment on said street and wished for the directions of the Board. Whereupon resolved, that the said Collector be directed to take all legal [211] steps for collecting the monies due, and report his proceedings to the Board

The Street Commissioner presented a report on the basin at Canal Street, which was directed to be referred to the Aldermen and assistants of the 5^th^ and 8^th^ wards and the Street Commissioner

The following ordinance was presented and passed

A Law

to amend a Law entitled " A Law to regulate the landing and sale of hay in the city of New York. Passed 30th July 1810

Be it ordained by the Mayor, Aldermen & Commonalty of the City of New York in Common Council convened, that the boats employed in bringing hay to this city for sale shall have the privilege in preference to all other vessels, of the west side of Whitehall Slip from the head thereof to the Ferry Stairs; of the west side of George's slip from the head thereof to the end of the pier and of one birth on the South East corner of Duane Street basin and from thence to the outer end of the West side thereof. And any coaster, market boat or other vessel, that shall interfere with boats so employed in bringing hay, or shall prevent their approach to the places above mentioned, shall forfeit and pay the sum of ten dollars for each offence with costs of suit

And be it further ordained, that the tenth section of the law, to which this is an amendment be and the same is hereby repealed.

Mr Hoghland gave notice, that he would, at the next meeting of the Board, move a resolution for the appointment of a committee, whose duty it should be, from time to time, to visit the Alms House & Bridewell

On motion, resolved, that the Street Commissioner contract for 30,000 loads of dirt for filling in the Collect

On motion of Alderman Bingham, resolved

[212] On motion of Alderman Bingham, resolved, that the names of the members of this Board, who may absent themselves without leave, after attending the same, be from time to time entered upon the minutes as so absenting himself

The Comptroller reported Cash in the Treasury	7227.22
Warrants not presented	1708.64
	5518.58

Whereupon his Honour the Mayor was requested to issue his warrants for payment of the following sums.

John Blacklidge & Abraham A Hart overseers of convicts 1 month	105.
P. Burtsell, stationary for City Inspector, Street Commissioner & Ferry Committee	107.38
Robert Brown & Co repairing debtors goal	45.39
Joseph Curtis, bell for Catharine Market	36.32
M'Queen & Sturtevant, balls for convicts	21.

B. Skaats, for ringing 15 bells, on 4th July	32.25.	
Peters & Marsh, Sunday service 2d ward	21.	
James Richardson cleaning wells	31.68	
Elizabeth Beekman, interest on bond	77.	
Abraham Child ground for Walker St	1336.89	
George Wragg Do	591.55	
Thomas Scott, paving at Coenties Slip &c	843.12	
John Miller fine & costs for fixing his ladder as lamp lighter agt a house	5.18.	
P. Kane & J Dealy on acct for Spring St	580.	
Abraham Stagg, paving Delancey & Spring Sts	282.	
Charles Hunt on acct filling lots in Orange St	100.	
Philip J Arcularius & other assessors for opening Banker Street	37.50	
Jacob P. Roome to pay workmen &c	300.	
John H Sickles on account of New City Hall	800.	
		5353.26
Balance in the Treasury		$165.32

[213] In Common Council August 6th 1810

Present Jacob Radcliff Esqr Mayor President

Peter Mesier
Thomas Carpenter
Charles Dickinson 3d
John Bingham
William Torrey
Joseph Watkins
Mangle Minthorne
Esqrs Aldermen

Samuel Jones junr
Peter Hawes
Aug: H. Lawrence
Wm Hoghland
Thomas Timpson
Isaac S Douglass
Edmund Kirby
Wm A Hardenbrook
John Palmer
Esqrs Assistants.

The minutes of last meeting were read & approved

Mr Jones left the Board with permission from the president

The accounts of the Superintendants of roads presented by the comptroller were referred to the Road Committee.

A communication from Edward John Ball stating, that he was ready to transfer the lease of the lot taken from him for opening Canal Street; also that the key of the house had been received by Dr Benjamin Hicks, who he understood had taken possession of the same. Ordered, that the same be referred to the Comptroller to take a transfer of the lease & to settle the terms of rent with Dr Hicks

A petition for filling and regulating Goerck Street from Grand to Delancey Street was received and referred to the committee of streets and the Street Commissioner

A petition of Dominick Lynch, praying, that the Corporation would contract the intended slip at the foot of Walnut Street 25 feet on the South side. Resolved, that the same be referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the seventh ward & the Committee on wharves, [214] slips and piers

A petition from the inhabitants residing near the two mile stone for the erection of a market in that vicinity was received and referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the Ninth ward & the Street Commissioner

A petition of Christian Truss for permission to sell meat near Chatham Square of William White and William Mook to sell meat near the arsenal, of Mary Cartheway & Mary Prince for Hucksters Stands in the New Market were received & referred to the Market Committee.

A petition of Peter Tharpe to be employed in some situation under the Corporation was received and referred to M^r^ Kirby M^r^ Hoghland & Alderman Watkins

A communication was received from W^m^ Wilmerding Collector on Amity Street, stating, that numbers of persons assessed, who owned lots, but were not residents, refused payment. A petition from Robert Thompson to be relieved from his assessment on said street was also received. Ordered, that the Attorney of the Board be directed to call upon said defaulters and if payment be not made in fifteen days, that he take legal measures for collecting the same.

A Letter was received from A K. Van Bokelyn appointed to take a census of the Tenth ward, resigning said appointment, which resignation was accepted; and the board proceeded to elect a person to fill the vacancy, when on counting the ballots, it appeared, that Stephen Kingsland was appointed

Alderman Watkins from the Committee on granting cartmen's licences to minors reported, that, on an application of Samuel Bell for a licence, they were of opinion, it should be granted, which [215] was agreed to

A petition of John Medlar Junior a minor for a cartman's licence was received. On motion, that the same be referred to the Special Committee on cartman's licences, a division having been called, it was carried in the affirmative in the manner following

Affirmative	Negative
Alderman Mesier	Alderman Carpenter
Bingham	Dickinson 3d
Watkins	Torrey
Mr Lawrence	Dickinson 7th
Hoghland	Hawes
Douglass	Hardenbrook 7
Timpson	
Kirby	
Palmer 9	

A petition from sundry inhabitants residing near Peck Slip, stating, that a number of robberies had lately been committed in their neighbourhood and complaining of the remissness of the City watch, was referred to the Watch Committee

The Committee, to whom was referred the report on the petition of Messieurs Lispenard and Stewart, respecting the basin at Canal Street, reported, that, in their opinion, the basin ought to be at least 280 feet in the clear. This will take a bulkhead of 284 feet 6 inches, as the place, where the bulkhead joins the dock on the North side, the dock falls back four and an half feet, or rather it has not been made so far South as the line of the wharf further west by 4½ feet. This 4½ feet is said to have been made by Lispenard and Stewart, for which they wish some sort of acknowledgment, although they pretend to no claim in law. The Committee would, therefore, advise, that the basin, at the head, measuring from what is called Lorton's Dock, be 284½ feet, that 30 feet be reserved on the South side for a street on the side of the basin, and that the grantees [216] of the land adjoining shall make and keep in repair the said thirty feet street. Then there will remain between this street and the land of Lispenard and Stewart 30 feet which should be granted to them at the usual quit rent and on the usual conditions, and to be compelled to make the street as aforesaid, all which &c

Samuel Stilwell
John Bingham
Joseph Watkins
Wm Hoghland

P S. It is likewise understood, that the Bulkhead is to be made by Messrs Lispenard & Stewart
which report was agreed to

A communication from John R. Murray and Levi Coit recommending to the Corporation to proceed at the present season in making their proportion of the piers at New Albany Basin was read and referred to the committee on wharves, slips and piers

The Street Commissioner reported the following assessments, which were confirmed and the following persons were appointed collectors In the assessment for paving Walker Street from Church to Chapel Streets, Noah Jarvis was appointed collector. In the assessment for regulating the streets round Hudson Square and laying curb & gutter in Hudson Street, John T. Bainbridge was appointed collector

The Committee, to whom the petition of the inhabitants of Fourth Street was referred reported in favour thereof and presented an ordinance for regulating and paving the same from Grand Street to the line of Burnell Brown's ground, which was passed. The assessors named were laid over

The Committee, on the petition of Joshua Jones for a water grant presented a report, which was referred to the Street Commissioner and the Committee on wharves, piers & slips

The Street Commissioner presented a map of the Corporation ground at Peck Slip, which was referred [217] to the committee of finance and the Comptroller with directions to report a plan for leasing the several lots therein designated

A petition of Thomas Culbertson to sell meat above the two mile stone was read and referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the Ninth ward.

The City Inspector reported, that the intersection of Grand and Essex Streets was in such a state as to be nearly impassible. Whereupon ordered, that the Street Commissioner report an ordinance for filling in and regulating the same.

The City Inspector reported ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances, from N° 5901 to N° 5920 inclusive, which were passed

The following persons were appointed firemen, the Chief Engineer certifying the corresponding vacancies

Fire Engine Company N° 14

Samuel H. Manning, grocer West St. 5th Wd } additional
Henry Roff—Mason N° 132 Church St 5th ward } men

N° 31

Michael Westfield Bricklayer N° 29 Chapel Street 5th ward v. Thomas Turner resigned.

The Committee, on the petition for widening Murray Street reported " that the Corporation of Columbia College are the owners of the property on the Southerly side of Murray Street and westerly of Church Street, which it is necessary to take for the purpose of widening Murray Street

That your Committee have had an interview with the chairman of the Committee of the Trustees of Columbia College for the purpose of ascertaining on what terms the said Trustees would grant so much of the vacant ground of Columbia College, as will be necessary to make Murray Street opposite thereto as wide as it is between Church Street and Broadway, & received from him the annexed written propositions.

[218] The Committee are of opinion, that these propositions are such as ought to be acceded to by the City Corporation and recommend, that the Comptroller and Street Commissioner be instructed to take the proper measures for obtaining a grant of the said ground and of pursuing such other steps as shall be requisite for the widening of Murray Street, according to the prayer of the said petition

Peter Hawes
Joseph Watkins
John Palmer

The following are the written propositions aluded to in the preceding report

"The Trustees of Columbia College will grant to the city as much of their ground on Murray Street, between Church Street and the rear of a Lott leased to Thomas Foote, a length of about 325 feet, as will make that part of Murray Street as wide as it is above Church Street, on the following terms

The ground thus granted is ever to remain part of the street

The City Corporation shall cause to be taken down the Stone wall, which now supports the College ground on Murray Street and after digging out and carrying away as much of the earth as may be necessary, shall have as good a stone wall erected along the same ground on the South side of the Street, on which shall be raised a new Board fence of the heighth of the present fence and painted in the same way. They shall also have the street paved and the foot way *flogged* [flagged] at their own expence, and in short they shall indemnify the Trustees against every expence, which may be occasioned by opening the said street, to contribute towards which no part of the College property any where shall be [219] assessed"—which report was agreed to and the Comptroller and Street Commissioner were directed to take the necessary measures for carrying into effect the said report

Mr Lawrence presented the following resolution, which was agreed to.

Ordered, that the thirty fifth section of the act, entitled "An act for the payment of certain officers of government, and for other purposes" passed by the legislature of this state, on the fifth day of April last, be published in all the papers employed by this board, and also that five hundred hand bills be printed and distributed for the information of the inhabitants of the city and county

"Section 35th And be it further enacted, That all sheep to the number of twenty, owned by any person being a householder, shall be exempt from execution for five years from and after the passing of this act, any law to the contrary notwithstanding; also one cow, two swine, all necessary wearing apparel & bedding

Mr Hawes, from the committee on Laws and ordinances presented the following ordinance, which was passed in the words following

A Law

to amend a law entitled "a Law to prevent disorderly assemblies of persons in the City of New York"

Passed August 6th 1810

Whereas by the constitution & laws of this state, the free exercise and enjoyment of religious profession & worship, without discrimination or preference shall forever be allowed within this state to all mankind, Provided, that the liberty of conscience thereby granted shall not be so construed as to excuse acts of licentiousness or justify practices inconsistent with peace and good order: And whereas the practice of [220] assembling together persons of all descriptions and character in the park and other public places in this city, has been introduced and carried to an extent, which, unless regulated & restricted is calculated to produce disorder and licentiousness & to bring into ridicule and contempt all religious worship

Be it, therefore, ordained by the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York in Common Council convened, that no assembly or assemblies of persons shall be permitted under the pretence of public worship, in the park or the battery, or in any of the public markets or streets in the said city, or any other public place in the said city, laid out & appropriated for the common use and benefit of the citizens of the said city, and that all and every person or persons, who shall be concerned or instrumental in collecting or promoting any such assembly in any of the said places, under such pretences shall forfeit and pay the sum of fifty dollars for every offence, to be sued for and recovered by the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty, the one moiety thereof for the use of the said city and the other moiety to the informers, in any court having cognizance thereof with costs of suit

2^d^ And be it further ordained, that it shall be the duty of all magistrates, constables and marshals of the said city, and they are hereby enjoined to prevent all such disorderly assemblies as aforesaid & to prosecute and apprehend all persons concerned & instrumental in promoting the same

3^d^ And be it further ordained, that every constable and marshal, who shall neglect to perform his duty in the premises, shall for every neglect, forfeit & pay the sum of twenty dollars, to be recovered as aforesaid. Provided nevertheless, that nothing herein contained shall apply to any clergyman or minister of any regularly established congregation or Society of any denomination whatsoever, who may desire to preach in [221] any of the said places, that may be proper for the purpose and who shall previously obtain the permission of the Mayor, recorder or one of the Aldermen of the said city therefor: And further, provided, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to prevent the ministers of any of the churches usually called Baptists from assembling in proper places within the said city for the purpose of performing the rites of baptism according to the rites of those churches

4^th^ And be it further ordained, that if any person or persons shall disturb or interrupt any clergyman or minister, who shall have obtained permission in manner aforesaid, in the performance of Divine worship, or shall commit any riot or disorder, in any such assembly, such person or persons shall forfeit and pay the sum of twenty five Dollars, for every offence to be sued for and recovered in manner aforesaid, to the uses aforesaid in any court having cognizance thereof with costs of suit; and if any person so offending as last aforesaid, shall be a minor, an apprentice, bound servant or slave, the penalty in such case, shall be recovered from the parents, guardian, master or mistress of such minor, apprentice, bound servant or slave

5^th^ And be it further ordained, that so much of the law to which this is an amendment, as is repugnant hereto be and the same is hereby repealed

M^r^ Hawes presented the following resolutions "Resolved, that the Comptroller be directed to furnish a correct list of all the quit rents owned by the Corporation, designating the grounds, on which the same are respectively charged, and the persons by whom and the times, at which, they are payable: and also the amount due and outstanding on such quit rents."

Resolved, that the Collector of the Corporation rents be directed to make a report every three months to the Board, of all monies by him received on account of the Corporation & of all persons, who are delinquents, and that [222] the first report in the premises be made by him at the next meeting of the Board, bringing the accounts up to the first instant" Which Resolutions were agreed to.

Alderman Mesier presented a resolution respecting the fees of butchers, standing either in temporary markets or at particular stands, which was agreed to and referred to the Committee of Laws and ordinances to report an ordinance agreeably thereto

John Hyslop having declined serving as an assessor for John and William Street, Stephen B. Munn was appointed in his place

The ordinance for paving Crosby Street passed 24th July was called up and John P. Ritter, George Cleland, Asa Holden, Christian Trippler and Ebenezer Clark were appointed assessors.

On motion, ordered, that the Superintendant of repairs cause Greenwich Street at the drain near Mr Bruce's New Fish Store to be immediately repaired

On motion of Mr Hoghland, Resolved, that a committee be appointed to visit the Alms House and Bridewell on such days and at such times as they may think proper & from time to time, report to this Board; and that the chairman be enjoined to give notice to the said committee at least once a fortnight to attend for that purpose. His Honour the Mayor appointed the following gentlemen to compose the said committee viz Alderman Mesier, Torrey Mr Douglass, Hoghland & Hardenbrook.

[223] The Comptroller reported cash in the treasury	12702.61
Warrants not presented	2928.42
	9974.19

Whereupon his Honour the Mayor was requested to issue his warrants for payt of the following sums

Lawrance & Van Wart watch	592.90
Farrington & White Do	690.90
Goodheart & Hays Do	804.30
James Hardie 1 month to 1st instant	62.50
Wm J Waldron, collector 1 Qr & expences	172.41

R. Graves Asst Street Commr 1 month		52.	
Andw Otterson asst City Inspector Do		52.	
Mott Hicks Asst Street Commissioner Do		52.	
Adrian B. Holmes Do		52.	
Wm P. Roome Keeper of Potters field		31.	
Wm Miers attending Park in July		19.37	
Amos Rooke, keeper of signal poles 1 Qr		82.50	
William Willess, Coroners fees		129. 4	
Abner Curtis to pay officers attending Mr Broad's church		45.75	
David King, Beer for the corporation		59.74	
P. G. Stuyvesant & others inspectors of election for the Ninth ward		18.	
Public Advertiser 6 months subscription		37.50	
Adolphus Loss, surveying		223.41	
Thomas Smith repairing pumps 7th & 8th wards		242. 1	
George Collis, blacksmiths work		48.34	
Abm Stagg on acct of Spring St	90		
Delancey St	610		
Mulberry St	80		
		780.	
Charles Mooney on acct of Jay St		572.	
Thomas Palmer on acct of Elizth St		90.	
Archibald Smith on acct of Third St		74.	
B Romaine & other assessors on Duane St		10.	
John H Sickles New City Hall		1750.	
Richard Furman, Alms House		3000.	
			9743.67
Balance in the Treasury			$30.52

[224] In Common Council August 13th 1810

Present Jacob Radcliff Esqr Mayor President

Peter Mesier
Thomas Carpenter
Charles Dickinson 3d
John Bingham
William Torrey
Charles Dickinson 7th
Joseph Watkins
Nicholas Fish
Mangle Minthorne
Esqrs Aldermen

Samuel Jones Junr
Peter Hawes
Auge H Lawrence
Robt Bogardus
Wm Hoghland
Isaac S. Douglass
Edmund Kirby
Wm A Hardenbrook
John Palmer
Esqrs Assistants

The minutes of the last meeting were read & approved

A petition was received from Richard M. Woodhull complaining of an encroachment by Samuel Winship of the right of ferriage, granted to him at Corlaer's Hook to Williamsburgh on Long Island. Referred to the Ferry Committee

A petition of Alexander Buchannan for stall N° 45 Fly Market and of Andrew Passenger for Stall N° 5 Fly Market was received & referred to the Market Committee

A petition of John Byrd for the appointment of a weigher of hay & for establishing a hay scale at Manhattan Ville was received & on motion the same was granted.

A Communication from the Engineers of the Fire Department, recommending, that certain alarm bells should not be rung on days of public rejoicing was received and referred to the Committee on the fire department

A remonstrance of Charles M. Graham ag^{t} filling in certain lots in Division Street was received. Ordered, that the same be referred to the Street Commissioner

[225] A list of names to compose the Fire Company N° 36 to be established at Spring Street near Varick Street was presented and ordered to be referred to the Chief Engineer

The City Inspector reported drafts of ordinances from N° 5921 to N° 5940 inclusive for the correction of sundry nuisances, which were passed

The Committee, to whom was referred the petition of Dominick Lynch, praying that the slip now constructing at the foot of Walnut Street may be so constructed as to allow fifty feet of ground upon the same, reported "that from a full investigation of the subject, they were of opinion, that the prayer of the petitioner ought to be granted" which report was agreed to.

The Street Commissioner on the petition of Rea and Oliver reported, that having examined the contract and assessment for regulating Broadway finds the facts stated in the petition to be true and therefore recommended, that the prayer of the petitioners be granted. Whereupon ordered, that a warrant issue in favour of said Rea & Oliver for $15^{75}/_{100}$.

The Committee on the petition of Joshua Jones for a water grant having reported, "that in their opinion a grant should be issued to M^{r} Jones from the South East side of Front Street to the permanent line on South Street, the distance from Front to South Street being 142 feet, on the usual terms, and with the customary restrictions for making South Street," which report having been referred to the Street Commissioner on the 6th instant, he this day reported, "that having fully investigated the subject, he saw no reason, why it should not be confirmed." Whereupon resolved, that the report of the said committee be confirmed.

The Street Commissioner presented an assessment for the drain in Jacob Street, which was directed [226] to be published in the papers employed by the Board

The Street Commissioner presented an ordinance for filling in and regulating the intersection at Grand and Essex Streets, which was passed. The assessors named were laid over

A memorial of Henry Spingler & James F. Fonerden complaining, that the ordinance of the Board, directing a certain nuisance occasioned by a house of David Dunham, projecting in B^d^ Way to be removed was received. The attorney of the Board having been called upon to explain, why the nuisance had not been abated, stated, that M^r^ Dunham having some time since promised, that it should be immediately done, he had concluded, that the obstruction had been removed

Whereupon ordered, that the attorney take immediate measures for removing the same.

A remonstrance from sundry inhabitants against paving Broome Street was received & referred to the former committee on said subject, who immediately considered the same & reported an ordinance for paving Broome Street from Bowery to Suffolk Street, which was passed. The assessors named were laid over

The Committee on the Law respecting Dogs presented an ordinance, which was referred to the former committee viz Alderman Fish, Mesier & Bingham with the addition of Messieurs Bogardus, Hoghland and Hardenbrook

The Committee on Laws & ordinances reported "A Law to regulate the Market fees in Temporary Markets and for other purposes," which was passed in the words following

Section 1^st^ Be it ordained by the Mayor, Aldermen & Commonalty of the City of New York in Common Council convened, that each and every licensed butcher [227] who shall sell meat of any kind, either in temporary markets, or at particular stands or in any place in the City of New York, other than the public markets permitted by this Board, shall pay the same market fees, as are payable by licensed butchers standing in the Public markets according to the Law, entitled "A Law to regulate the public markets in the City of New York" Passed December 28^th^ 1808.

2^d^ And be it further ordained, that for the purpose of ascertaining and collecting such market fees, it shall be the duty of each and every of the said butchers, on the first Monday of every month, to account on oath & pay over to the comptroller of the city, the amount of market fees due on the meats sold by them respectively, during the month next preceding, designating in such account, the kind and quantity of meats sold by them respectively as aforesaid, on each and every day during the said month, and the amount of fees due for the same. And that if any of the said butchers shall neglect to account & pay over the said market fees, in manner aforesd such butcher so neglecting, shall forfeit his licence

3d And be it further ordained, that any such butchers, who shall sell any meat at any such temporary markets, stall or other place in the said city other than a public market, which shall not be included and accounted for in the account to be rendered to the Comptroller, for the month, during which the same shall have been sold, shall forfeit & pay the sum of five dollars, for each and every piece of meat so sold by him, and not included in his return and accounted for; the said penalties to be sued for and recovered, with costs of suit, in any court having cognizance thereof, and the one moiety thereof to be paid on the recovery to the person or persons, who shall sue for the same

[228] 4th And be it further ordained, that it should be the duty of the Comptroller, at all times to keep an accurate list of such of the licensed butchers as shall sell meat in manner aforesaid, and shall from time to time report to the corporation the amount of such monies, as he shall receive for market fees, in pursuance of this ordinance and pay the same into the treasury. And it shall also be the duty of the Comptroller to ascertain as far as may be. the persons, who shall be in default in accounting and paying the market fees in pursuance of this ordinance, and report the same from time to time to the corporation.

Alderman Minthorne had leave of absence from the President

The Comptroller reported cash in ye treasury	10.718.40
Warrants not presented	1610.64
	$9107.76

Accounts audited

W Fish City treasr 1 qr to 14th inst	$125.
Wm A. Hardenbrook for Locust posts &c for Park at Bloomingdale &c	72.62
Saml Montgomery & Wm Ellet for Sunday services in the 5th ward	12.
Peter Bogart, balance due for ground taken to open Walker Street	346.94
Abraham Stagg on acct paving Delancey Street	600.

Wm Torrey Chairman of Lamp Committee for oil & salaries of Lamp lighters	$1500.	
John H. Sickles treasr of New City Hall	2000.	
		4656.56
Balance in the treasury		4451.20

August 20th 1810

A sufficient number of members not attending to form a quorum. Adjourned to meet on the 22d instant at 4 o'clock P. M.

[229] In Common Council August 22d 1810

Present Jacob Radcliff Esqr Mayor President

Peter Mesier	Esqrs Aldermen	Saml Jones Junr	Esqrs Assistants
Charles Dickinson 3d		Peter Hawes	
Charles Dickinson 7th		Auge H Lawrence	
Joseph Watkins		William Hoghland	
Nicholas Fish		Edmund Kirby	
Mangle Minthorne		John Palmer	

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

A communication was received from David Dunham, on the subject of his alledged encroachment on Broadway & was referred to Alderman Fish, Minthorne Mr Douglass & The Street Commissioner

Petitions of Benoni Lawey, William Lowrerre and Henry Kline for permits to sell meat were received & referred to the Market Committee

A communication was received from the Commissioners of Canal Street in the words following

"Commissioner's Office August 20th 1810

To the honourable the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York

Gentlemen

We the subscribers Commissioners appointed by virtue of the act entitled " An act respecting Streets in the City of New York " passed March 24th 1809, for the purpose of laying out a street in the city of New York by the name of Canal Street" do most respectfully inform the Honourable the Corporation of the City of New York, that we have caused public notice to be given agreeably to the note we had the honour to present to your Honourable Body on the 26th [230] June last and in conformity to law for the period of one calendar month for all persons interested in the assessment made by us the

Commissioners for the expence of laying out the said Canal S^t. And that the Book containing such assessment & expense was filed in the Clerk's Office as the law directed, and requested them to bring in or state their objections and complaints in writing and have attended to receive the same; and that we have immediately after the expiration of that time, proceeded to examine the merits of all the complaints and objections, which we have received in consequence of the same—and to revise and correct the assessment so as appeared to be just; And we the Commissioners aforesaid do now certify, to the Honourable the Mayor, Aldermen & Commonalty of the City of New York in Common Council convened, that we have finally revised, corrected and determined upon and adjusted the aforesaid assessment made out by us, for the expence of laying out the said Canal Street as appeared to us to be just and right and we do most respectfully present to your Honourable Body the assessment book containing a corrected copy of the same, in pursuance of and in conformity to the act aforesaid amounting to the sum of dollars 159.267$^{21}/_{100}$, which sum is equal to the total amount of all the expences incurred under the above recited act, including all damages assessed or payments agreed to be made for lands together with the compensation and expence of the Commissioners and of the persons employed by them and of all *and of ali* costs of legal proceedings under this act and all other expences incurred to carry the same into effect by the Common Council of the City of New York in pursuance of this or any former law, which has come to the knowledge of the commissioners, which will more fully appear by a reference to the accounts herewith [231] presented, accompanied with the books, maps, documents and vouchers belonging to the same

Samuel Russel
(signed) W^m H Ireland
Daniel J. Ebbets

Whereupon, ordered, that the several papers be filed; and that the account of the commissioners be referred to the Canal committee and the comptroller

A petition of Robert Keenah and William Nelson on the subject of complaints against them for selling meat without licence was referred to the attorney of the Board.

An application of the trustees of the Free school society for the sum of 1000 dollars, allowed to them by the act of the legislature was received & referred to the comptroller

A petition of sundry inhabitants praying, that the houses purchased by the corporation for the purpose of opening Canal Street might be removed was received and referred to the Aldermen and Assistants of the fifth & eighth wards & the Street Commissioner

A complaint of Jasper Ruckle against Nicholas Lawrance one of the Captains of the city watch for permitting a person committed to him to escape was received and referred to the Watch Committee

A petition of James Freeland for a coffee stand in the Catharine Market was received & referred to the Market Committee

A communication of Leonard Bleeker on the subject of an assessment upon him for Amity Street was received. Ordered, that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition

A petition of sundry inhabitants, praying that the intersection of Roosevelt Street from Water Street to Front Street may be regulated & paved was received & referred to the Street Commissioner

A representation respecting a sunken lot, [232] at the corner of Budd & Varick Street was also received and referred to the Street Commissioner

A representation of John Jacob Astor complaining of an assessment upon him for Varick Street was received. On motion resolved, that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition

A petition of John Randall one of the surveyors employed by the Commissioners for laying out Streets and roads, praying reimbursement of damages & costs recovered against him by John Mills, in an action of trespass for entering on his grounds in the service of said commissioners was received and referred to Alderman Mesier M^r^ Jones & M^r^ Hawes.

A petition of the Fishermen attending the Fly Market, praying, that the Corporation would assign to them some places where they may place their fish cars was referred to M^r^ Hawes Alderman Dickinson 7^th^ & M^r^ Hoghland And further resolved, that the market committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject of the fishermen and that the chairman deliver to the clerk of the board, the several papers now on that subject in his possession

The Committee, to whom was referred the petition of Richard M. Woodhull reported " that the lease of the ferry from Corlaers Hook to Williamsburgh referred to in said petition was in the opinion of the committee the one granted to Marinus Willett & the petitioner M^r^ Woodhull, which will expire on the first day of May next. That no grant or lease of said ferry, has ever been made by the corporation to Samuel Winship, in the said petition mentioned, and that if he has any right to run boats on the said ferry, it must be by virtue of an arrangement made with the said lessees or their [233] assigns. The committee, however, on enquiry find, that the said Samuel Winship does employ boats on the said ferry, in carrying passengers from the foot of Grand Street to Long Island, and alledges, that he has a right so to do, by permission of the agents or assignees of Willet & Woodhull the lessees of the ferry

Whether the allegation be well founded or not, the committee presume not to say, nor do they conceive it to be in anywise important to the Corporation to know, as they have no occasion to interfere between the parties.

The Committee, therefore; recommend, that if the petitioner will indemnify the Corporation against all damages & costs, he be permitted to proceed in the suits he has commenced, or to commence others for the recovery of any penalties incurred, or to be incurred by the said Samuel Winship or others for running boats on said ferry

(signed) Peter Hawes
William Hoghland

which report was confirmed

The City Collector presented returns of balances due to the corporation on Water Lot rents, on Common Lands and on ground rents, which were directed to be filed by the Comptroller.

The Superintendant of repairs agreeably to a request of some members of the Board reported the number of public lamps in the city which was as follows

In the 1st ward	277
2d	180
3d	191
4th	146
5th	185
6th	153
7th	156
8th	216
9th	2
10th	181
	1687

[234] which report was ordered to be filed

The Market committee on the petition of William White to be permitted to sell meat near the arsenal reported that the prayer of the petition ought to be granted on condition of his relinquishing a permit he holds for selling meat in the Bear market, which report was agreed to

The Committee of the Fire Department reported, that they have agreed with Mr Hardenbrook for a fire engine intended to be placed near the Presbyterian Church in Spring Street and they recommend, that the Superintendant of repairs be directed to erect an engine house for its reception, which report was agreed to

The Chief Engineer, to whom was referred the list of firemen to compose the company for Engine No 36 reported, that he had made the necessary enquiries respecting them & considered them as suitable persons to compose said company

Whereupon the following persons were appointed firemen

John Targay carpenter Greenwich St 8th ward
B. C. Stevenson Inspector Spring St Do
Elkannah Mead Hay cartman Hudson St Do
Alexander Allaire Cartman Budd St Do
Daniel Martling grocer Do Do
Lotion Quick Cartman Do Do
Silas Parklow house carpenter Spring St Do
Frederick Glashan Butcher Do Do
David Hartshorne house carpenter Budd Do
John Goodheart Labourer M'Dougal St Do
Duncan Douglass house carpenter Spring St Do
John Lambert Gentleman Greenwich Do
Smith Valantine grocer Do Do
Enoch Miller house carpenter Varick St Do
John Tompkins Milkman Sullivan Do
James Clark Do Do Greenwich Do
[235] John Tompkins Milkman Sullivan Street Do
Richard Worsburn Cartman Hetty Street Do
Peter Roodeback Mason Spring Do Do
John Freeman house carpenter Do Do Do
A. J. Westervelt Do Greenwich Do Do
John C. Parmerly Do Thomas Do Fifth ward
Thomas J. Booles Spring Do Eighth
Elias B. Cox house carpenter Greenwich Do
Garret Smith Mason Do Do
Thomas Rockhill Do Spring Do

The Committee on the petition of Peter Ogilvie & Robert Carnley reported, that some misunderstanding had taken place and that those, who are to pay the expence of the improvement would conceive themselves much aggrieved if estimates are not again advertised for. They, therefore, recommend, that the Street Commissioner be directed again to advertise for proposals. Which report was agreed to.

The Street Commissioner presented the assessment for Jacob Street drain, which had been advertised agreeably to the order of the Board, & no objections had been made thereto. Whereupon ordered, that the said assessment be confirmed. On motion John T. Baimbridge was appointed collector of the same.

The Street Commissioner and Comptroller, to whom was referred the petition of Abraham Child presented a report, which was directed to be referred to the Committee on Laws & ordinances

The Street Commissioner presented returns of delinquents on the assessment for regulating Lawrence Street from Spring Street 200 feet towards Prince Street and Varick Street from Spring Street to Van Dam Street, also on the assessment for filling walks & laying curb stone in the Bowery, Whereupon ordered, that warrants issue to the several collectors for the collection of the same.

[236] The Street Commissioner to whom had been referred the remonstrance of Charles M. Graham against an ordinance for filling in lots in Division Street reported, that he had viewed the lots and found the statement in the remonstrance to be true.

There is no water standing on the lots and a great part of them is higher than the street; but being vacant & without fence they become a receptacle of various sorts of filth

The Street Commissioner is, therefore of opinion, that the proprietor ought not to be compelled to put any more earth on them. But to fence them in would effectually abate the nuisance

(signed) Samuel Stilwell

The Street Commissioner presented the account of Thomas Scott for paving the west side of Coenties Slip. This work had been done by order of the Street Commissioner after the proprietors had refused to do the same, they contending, that by their grant, they are exempted from that expense. Ordered, that the same be referred to the Recorder & Attorney of the Board to examine said grants & to report as to the liability of the grantees for expences in the reparations of the slip.

The Committee, to whom was referred the petition of the Trustees of the Brick Presbyterian Church & the remonstrance of the Trustees of the City Dispensary reported, that the building now used for the City Dispensary ought to be removed. Whereupon resolved that the said report be agreed to, and that the Superintendant of repairs be directed to take measures for the removal of the said building at present occupied by the City Dispensary to the lot in Tryon Row, by them mentioned in the said report.

Mr Lawrence presented a resolution on the subject of verifying by oath all demands against [237] the Corporation, the consideration of which was postponed

On motion resolved, that the comptroller be directed to issue bonds for such proportion of the instalments due on the contract with John Anderson for building piers at Charlotte Slip, Corporation Basin, & Duane Basin as the Street Commissioner shall certify to be due

The Comptr reported cash in the treasury	$13.573.81
Warrants not presented	1.526.64
	12.047.17

Whereupon his Honour the Mayor was directed to issue warrants for payment of the following sums.

Lawrance & Van Wart watch	$592.90.	
Farrington & White Do	592.90.	
Goodheart & Hays Do	755.30	
G. N. Bleeker 1 Qrs salary &c	263.	
Thomas Hazard 1 Qrs Salary to 18th inst &c	437.50.	
Edward Watkeys candles for hall	10.27	
A. Andrews lighting lamps 1 month	700.	
John Anderson on acct for building bulk head at Coenties Slip	1200.	
Thomas Scott on account of South Street	1300.	
Archibald Smith balance for Third Street	686.	
Abraham Stagg on account of Delancey & Mulberry Streets	590.	
R. Kane & J Dealy, on account of Spring Street	555.	
George Cleland & other assessors	440.35	
Thomas Palmer on Elizabeth St	250.	
Robert Bogardus for James M'Mullen for ground taken to widen Banker Street	200.	
James Kelly & J Dealy on account of Walker Street	400.	
[238] Stephen Ludlam surveying &c	46.68	
Thomas Scott laying curb &c in Lombardy Park	17.82	
Gershom Anson, planting trees	9.93	
Hunt & Van Gelder filling two sunken lots in Orange Street near Mr Wheeler's distillery, balance	83.34	
Rea and Oliver regulating Broadway	15.75	
Richard Furman Superintendant of the Alms House	2000.	
Balance in the treasy		11,146.74
		$900.43

[239] In Common Council August 27th 1810

Present Josiah Ogden Hoffman Esqr Recorder President

Peter Mesier
Chas Dickinson 3d
William Torrey
Chas Dickinson 7th
Joseph Watkins
Mangle Minthorne
Esqrs Aldermen

Samuel Jones Junr
Peter Hawes
Auge H. Lawrence
Thos Timpson
Edmund Kirby
Wm A. Hardenbrook
John Palmer
Esqrs Assistants

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

An application of the Treasurer of the Board of Health was received. Ordered, that the comptroller, report, at next meeting of the Board, a warrant in behalf of said Treasurer for $500 for the use of the Board of Health.

A communication was received from Charles Smith Lessee of the public slips, stating, that George's, Coentie's & Whitehall Slips & the Albany Basin required certain repairs to be made on them. Whereupon ordered, that the Superintendant of repairs under the direction of the committee of repairs make such repairs thereto as may be deemed necessary

A memorial was received from Isaac Vanderbeck assignee of a bond of the corporation to Ann Walker praying payment of interest due on the same. Ordered to be referred to the Comptroller

A petition of Thomas Walker to be permitted to sell meat in his own house, of Eliphalet Wheeler, & John Trigler to be permitted to exchange with each other the stalls No 22 & 44 Fly market; and ot sundry butchers of the Upper Fly Market [240] praying to be permitted to remove their stands to the lower Fly market at present occupied by hucksters and the hucksters to have stations assigned them in the upper market were severally read and referred to the market committee

A petition of Thomas Palmer contractor for Elizabeth Street complaining of the neglect of Benjamin C. Stevenson Collector of said street was read and referred to the St Commissr

A petition of John P. Lynch, praying, that his lamp at the corner of Greenwich & Courtland Street may be lighted as heretofore at the expence of the public was received & referred to the lamp committee

A petition of the inhabitants of Spring Street praying to have a watchman stationed in said street was received & referred to the Watch Committee

A petition of the inhabitants of Front Street, stating that the dirt in the street was not removed by the scavengers was read & referred to the City Inspector

A petition from sundry former petitioners, who had prayed, that the Common Council would commute with them for the quit rents payable to the corporation, stating that they understand that the committee, to whom their petition had been referred had not reported and praying that the Board would call upon said committee was read. Whereupon it was moved, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition. The question being taken thereon, it passed in the negative. It was then moved, that the Common Council reconsider their vote taken on the subject. The question being taken thereon, it appeared, that the members were equally divided. Whereupon his Honour the Recorder gave his casting vote in the affirmative. The motion was [241] then renewed, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition, and a division having been called thereon, it was carried in the affirmative as follows

Affirmative		Negative	
Alderman Mesier		Alderman Watkins	
Dickinson 3d		Mr Hawes	
Torrey		Lawrence	
Dickinson 7th		Timpson	
Minthorne		Hardenbrook	
Mr Jones &		Palmer	6
Mr Kirby	7		

A petition of certain proprietors in Broome Street, praying, that said street may be paved from Suffolk to Mangin Street was read & referred to the Street Commissioner

A petition of the proprietors of the land from the third paralel as laid out by the Committee of streets and roads to Harlaem river, praying that said road may be opened & engaging to cede the ground for that purpose was received, and ordered to lie on the Table

A petition of John Johnson for a lot at the corner of Washington & Partition Street was read & referred to the Comptroller

A petition of sundry inhabitants praying, that the regulation of Grand Street may be postponed was read & referred to the Street Commissioner

The City Inspector presented drafts of ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances from No 5961 to No 5984, which were passed

The Street Commissioner presented an ordinance for paving Roosevelt Street from Water Street to Front Street, which was passed. The assessors named were laid over.

The ordinance for paving Fourth Street, passed on [242] *on* the

6th instant and the ordinances passed on the 13th instant for paving Broome Street & regulating the intersection of Grand and Essex Streets were now called up and Ezekiel Bishop, Abraham Hart, Robert Coles, Solomon Wheeler and Stephen Kingsland were appointed assessors.

The Street Commissioner presented an assessment for paving Crosby Street from Broome to Prince Street which was confirmed and William Wilmerding appointed collector.

The Street Commissioner presented the Collector's returns of vacant lots assessed for regulating Green Street from Spring to Prince Street and Wooster Street from Spring Street two hundred feet towards Prince Street, which were referred to a select committee with directions to report a suitable mode for collecting the monies due on said assessment. The Committee appointed were, Mr Hawes Mr Lawrance Alderman Mesier & The Street Commissioner

The Comptroller presented a deed for a grant of a water lot to George C. Schroppel, which having been examined by the recorder was directed to be duly executed

The draft of an indenture of agreement between the Corporation & the Trustees of Columbia College on the subject of widening Murray Street was laid before the Board & directed to be duly executed.

On motion, resolved, that the committee, to whom was referred the petition of sundry persons, praying that the Corporation would commute with them for the quit rents owing by them, be directed to report at the next meeting of the Board.

On motion, resolved, that the heirs of Anthony Lispenard be directed to erect the bulkhead to enclose their ground adjoining the basin at the outlet of Canal [243] Street

The Lamp Committee presented the following report, " that the account of Isaac Auld former contractor of lamps has not yet been adjusted, as Mr Auld is in confinement and has delayed rendering his account for settlement. During his contract, he became indebted to John Kelly for glazing and keeping in repair the public lamps of the city, and about the time his contract ceased with the Corporation, he gave Mr Kelly an order on the Comptroller, dated 15th June last for $168.12½, which is here annexed, to be paid out of the money due him from the Corporation. It appears, that Kelly had sued Auld for the amount of his debt previous to this, from an apprehension, that he was in danger of losing it; but on Auld's agreeing to give this order, which Kelly was induced to believe would be paid, the latter stopped all further proceedings, at the time when the bail were becoming answerable for the debt & costs. His only hope of getting his money now is, that the order will be paid by the corporation out of the balance due by them to M^r^ Auld; and as M^r^ Kelly is an honest industrious man with a family to support and will experience much distress in case of failure in having the order paid, and as a considerable balance will still be coming to M^r^ Auld, the committee are induced to believe, that justice requires, that the above mentioned order should be paid and charged to Isaac Auld's account & accordingly recommend, that the Comptroller be directed to report a warrant at the next meeting of the Board, for the amount of said order in favour of John Kelly

(signed) William Torrey, chairman

Which report was agreed to and a warrant ordered in favour of Kelly for $168 12/100.

The Watch Committee, to whom was referred the complaint of Jasper Ruckle against Captain Lawrance reported, the following as " a statement of what they believed to be facts

1st That the man named Jacob File was brought to the [244] *to the* watch house, some time before the watch was set. Therefore Captain Lawrance did not conceive himself authorised to detain him, particularly as the boy was represented as a very mischievous & bad lad, but desired the parties to come in the morning at half past four o'clock, which they both promised to do; but which they both neglected. Captain Lawrance watched for them a full hour after the time appointed

2d That Captain Lawrance did not think proper to detain said File, as he was informed, that Thomas Ruckle with a number of boys had abused and stoned him.

3d As neither of the parties appeared in the morning, Captain Lawrance supposed, that the parties had settled the business themselves and did not make any further enquiry on the subject."

Whereupon ordered, that the Captains of the City watch be instructed, that it is their duty, whenever offenders are brought to them, if their watch be not set, to direct them to be taken before one of the magistrates of the city for examination

The Street Commissioner presented the following report on the subject of John Anderson's contract

" Mr Comptroller

John Anderson has signed the contracts and bonds for building a pier at Duane Basin and also one in Corporation Basin and one at Charlotte Slip

The first payment is due by the contract, when the piers are sunk and filled with stone to low water mark.

The Blocks are all sunk. The first payment

on the pier at Corporation Docks is	$1471.50
on Do at Charlotte Slip	1309.75
on Do at Duane Basin	1741.50
	4522.75

(signed) Samuel Stilwell St Commissr

[245] Whereupon resolved, that a warrant issue to John Anderson for $4522.75

The following was presented. Resolved, that the house over the floating engine be extended thirty feet and that the superintendant of repairs construct the same. Whereupon the same was referred to the committee on the fire department, with authority to them to direct the Superintendant of repairs to make the addition to the house, if they deemed it advisable

The Comptroller reported cash in the treasury	$3000.40
Warrants not presented	582.93
	2417.47

Whereupon his Honour the Recorder was requested to issue his warrants for payment of the following sums

B. Skaats & assist 1 Qrs salary & expences	119.68	
James Cheetham advertising to 1st July	15.52	
Thos Freeborn & Wm W. Lyon Sunday services	39.	
J. Johnson iron work for public buildings	193.81	
Thomas W. Eagles stove &c lamps, vanes &c	102.97	
Thomas Dikeman repair of pumps	68. 6	
O Neil & Lee, repairs to wells	64.21	
James Richardson cleaning wells 8th wd	13.31	
Chas Mooney paving Provost & Varick Streets	400.	
Thomas Palmer Do Elizabeth St	613.	
Saml Stilwell for filling Collect	234.35	
James Kelly & Charles Dealy paving Walker Street	100.	
Thos Scott paving Van Dam Street bal	5.30	
Jacob P. Roome to pay workmen	250.	
A. H. Lawrence interest on bond at 6 per cent pr annum to 4th July last	107.11	
		2326.32
Balance in the treasy		91.15

[246] In Common Council September 3^{d} 1810

Present Jacob Radcliff Esq^{r} Mayor President

Thomas Carpenter		Samuel Jones Jun^{r}	
Charles Dickinson 3^{d}		Peter Hawes	
John Bingham		Aug^{e} H Lawrence	
William Torrey	Esq^{s}	William Hoghland	Esq^{rs}
Charles Dickinson 7th	Aldermen	Isaac S. Douglass	Assistants
Joseph Watkins		Edmund Kirby	
Nicholas Fish		W^{m} A. Hardenbrook	
Mangle Minthorne		John Palmer	

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The account of Oliver Waldron Superintendant of roads was presented by the Comptroller and ordered to be referred to the Road Committee with directions, that a warrant should issue for the payment of the same, if approved by them.

Warrants were ordered to be issued to Richard Furman Superintendant of the Alms house and John H. Sickles Treasurer of the Building Committee for the sum of 2000 dollars each payable out of the first monies received and not appropriated

On motion, the following resolution was passed. Resolved, that the building committee be directed to report to this board, at the next meeting the progress and present state of the building of the New City Hall, what sum has been paid & appropriated for the same and what further sum will probably be requisite to put the same under cover, or in such a state as to preserve the same from injury by the weather; and whether it would be expedient to expend more than that sum on the said building the current season and if so, how and by what means it would be most proper to provide the same; and also to report whether any of the charges of super- [247] [in]tending the various branches of the work may be dispensed with, without injury to the public service

A petition of Thomas Whittle, praying relief against verdict obtained against him for an act done (as alledged by him) in the discharge of his duty as a watchman was received & ordered to be referred to the watch committee

An application of Susan Dobbs for an huckster's stand in Catharine market & petitions from Balthazar Heyer, Mathew Bird & George Paff for stands in the temporary markets were read and referred to the market committee

A recommendation of Andrew Tinkey as Collector for the assessment to be made by working Greenwich Street was received & referred to the Street Commissioner

A remonstrance against paving Hudson & Budd Streets were read & referred to the Street Commissioner

A petition of John Wood, praying, that an ordinance served upon him by direction of the Committee of Health, ordering him to fill in a vacant lot in Fair Street may be rescinded, as he was now building a house on the same was read and referred to the City Inspector with authority to suspend the same, if M^r^ Wood proceeded in the erection of a building on the premises, as stated in his petition

A memorial of the trustees of the City Dispensary was received, stating, that they had received the order of the Board for the removal of the building now occupied by them to a lot of the Corporation in Tryon Row; that the building was so old as not to be worth a removal; that the funds of the said institution were not sufficient to enable them to erect a suitable house for their accommodation & praying [248] the assistance of the Board. Ordered, that the same be referred to the committee of charity

A petition of James Seton praying remission of a fine incurred by him for selling cotton at auction contrary to law & averring his ignorance of said law was read. Whereupon resolved that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition

A request was received from Thomas Morris, that the board would loan to him a machine in their possession for boring the earth in sinking of wells. Whereupon resolved, that the request be complied with on condition of his giving a receipt for the same & a promise to return the same in good order at the expiration of twelve months or sooner if required by the Board

An account of Martin C. Ramsay for services under the Sunday law in the Eighth ward amounting to $12 was received. Whereupon ordered that the Comptroller report a warrant for payment of the same.

A petition for regulating Walker Street from Chappel to Varrick Streets: also a petition for further opening Crosby Street were read & referred to the Street Commissioner

A representation was received from Sam^l^ Cowdrey, the former attorney of the Board on the subject of the claim of this Board against Anthony Dey for Water Lot rent & transmitting a case agreed upon by the Counsel of M^r^ Dey and the said attorney for the sanction of the Board. Whereupon ordered, that the same be referred to the Attorney of the Board.

The Comptroller presented the accounts of Sam^{l} Cowdrey, which were referred to the Committee on Laws & ordinances

A further petition of Thomas Walker for permission to sell meat at the market contemplated [249] to be erected near the Catholic Church in the Bowery was read & referred to the Attorney of the Board.

A petition of Abijah Brainard for payment of balance due him for curb stone in Broadway was referred to the Street Commiss^{r}

A petition, that Ridge Street might be dug out and regulated from Stanton to Grand Street was read & referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Tenth ward and the Street Commissioner

The Committee, to whom was referred the petition of Thomas Culbertson & of sundry inhabitants for permission to sell meat at Manhattan Ville reported, that from the remoteness of their situation from any public market, it would be expedient, that the prayer of the petition be granted, which was agreed to.

The Committee, on the communication of the Comptroller & Street Commissioner on the subject of Abraham Child reported, " that they have considered the said subject and after due deliberation are of opinion, that the amount assessed on an individual is, in all cases, to be first deducted from the amount of the damages awarded by the Jury to such individual, and that the interest is to be allowed only on the balance

This opinion is founded on the 18th Section of an act of the Legislature entitled " An act respecting Streets in the City of New York " passed March 24th 1809, to which they beg leave to refer "

(signed) Peter Hawes
S. Jones jun^{r}

which report was agreed to.

The Committee, on the petition of sundry inhabitants for regulating Goerck Street reported, that two hundred feet of the part petitioned for [250] has no bulkhead to support the earth, if it should be filled in, and if a bulkhead should be built and Goerck Street filled and regulated according to the petition, it would be so much higher than the ground to the west of the Street, as to form a dam, that would pond the water above & overflow a great quantity of land, and several streets that are now passable when the tide is down

The committee are, therefore of opinion, that it is inexpedient to have Goerck Street regulated at the present time"

Peter Hawes
signed John Palmer
Samuel Stilwell St Comr

which report was agreed to

A representation from John Minuse Clerk of the Fly Market was received stating, that Caleb Conklin a butcher in the Fly Market had been guilty of making false returns of his dues in repeated instances. Whereupon resolved, that the permission given to said Conkling to sell meat be and the same is hereby revoked.

The Attorney of the Board in the case of Robert Kenah, praying the remission of a fine for selling meat without licence &c "reported, that it appears from the minutes of the Corporation, that, on the 6th day of June 1806, he petitioned for permission to sell meat at or near Rutger's Slip, that on the 7th day of July 1806, the market committee reported, that he be permitted during that summer and fall to sell meat at or near Rutger's Slip, that under the said permit, he has continued to sell at the upper end of Division Street. It also appears, that he has, at all times, when called on paid his market fees to the proper officer. The Attorney was, therefore, of opinion, from all the circumstances of the case, & supposing that Kenah considered the permit to be a general one, that so much of the said penalty as [251] *as* attaches to the Board should be relinquished on the usual terms"

(signed) Isaac A. Van Hook

On the question to agree to the same, it passed in the negative.

The Attorney on the petition of William Neilson, praying for relief against a penalty incurred by him for selling meat at other places than at his stall in the Market reported, that it appears the said Neilson, has for some time past, left his stall in the market and sold meat at his house in Division Street, that he has accounted regularly until within a few months for his fees, as they become due and wishes to pay up to the present all such fees as still remain due. The Attorney is of opinion, that, inasmuch as he left his stall in the market and sold at his house without any authority from the board, he ought not to be released from the said penalty, and further that he ought to be directed forthwith to pay over his fees, under oath, that remain due, to the proper officer"

(Signed) Isaac A. Van Hook

which report was agreed to.

The Committee, to whom was referred the returns of Delinquents on Green & Wooster Streets reported " that the mode of collecting the assessments due on the vacant lots, referred to in the said communication is pointed out and provided for in the 17th section of an act of the legislature of the State of New York entitled " An act for the better government of the city of New York &c passed April 2d 1806, to which your committee beg leave to refer. They, therefore, recommend, that the Street Commissioner be directed to pursue the measures pointed out by the said act & to enforce the collection of the monies in arrear in the most expeditious manner as therein provided

(signed) Peter Hawes, Peter Mesier & A H. Lawrence

[252] which report was agreed to

The Attorney of the Board transmitted to the Common Council the award of George Ireland, John M'Comb junior & Joseph Dederer arbitrators in the case of John N. Weathershine & the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, by which it appears, that the said arbitrators have awarded to be paid to the said John N. Weathershine by this corporation, on or before the 10th September instant the sum of five hundred dollars. The attorney also stated, that the fees of the arbitration were nine dollars. Whereupon ordered, that a warrant issue for payment of the same.

The City Inspector reported drafts of ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances from N° 5985 to N° 6000, which were passed.

An ordinance for paving Roosevelt Street passed the 27th August last was called up and Ezekiel Bishop, Abraham Hart, Robert Coles, Solomon Wheeler & Stephen Kingsland were appointed assessors

The Street Commissioner, to whom was referred the petition for paving Broome Street presented an ordinance agreeably to the prayer of the petition. A remonstrance against the same from Isaac Clason & others was also presented. Whereupon resolved that the ordinance & remonstrance be referred to the Alderman & assistant of the Tenth Ward and the Street Commissioner

The following persons were appointed firemen, the chief engineer certifying vacancies corresponding thereto.

Fire Engine Company N° 7

John Down, painter N° 197 William Street 4th ward v. George Gilpin resigned.

N° 15

David Weed Chatham Street, Sixth Ward v. Anthony [253] Rabel resigned

The report from Fire Engine Company N° 14 was directed to be referred back to the Chief Engineer for further consideration

The Committee, to whom was referred the case of William Randell as stated by Samuel M. Hopkins Esq^{r} reported, "that having examined into the same, they find the case to be such as in their opinion to entitle the said Randall to the relief, which is sought by the application & recommend it to the board to grant the same accordingly

The amount of damages & costs recovered against said Randell in the suit against him by John Mills is $153.59

signed S. Jones Jun^{r}
Peter Hawes

which report was agreed to and a warrant ordered in favour of said Randall for the aforesaid sum.

On motion of M^{r} Jones. Ordered, that the assessors appointed by the ordinance for opening Albany Avenue and to whom the assessment made by them with the objections to it was on the 6th day of April last ordered to be returned for revisal & correction be called upon for their revised assessment & be required to report the same at the next meeting of the Board.

On motion of M^{r} Kirby, Resolved, that the Superintendant of repairs cause a lamp to be placed at the head of the middle pier at Peck Slip

On motion of M^{r} Hawes, resolved, that the Street Commissioner be directed to report with all convenient speed, the penal sums in arrears & due on assessments on vacant lots, where the proprietors cannot be found together with the situation of said lots, that the Board may take order for the collection of the same

The following was presented, resolved, that M^{r} James Myers Superintendant of roads be directed to open the Boston Avenue from Harsin Road to *Hamil* [254] Hamilton Square. Ordered, that the same be referred to the Road Committee

Ordered, that Alderman Torrey be the chairman of the committee appointed to visit the Alms House and Bridewell in the absence of Alderman Mesier

The Street Commissioner requested leave of absence for a few days, which was granted.

The Street Commissioner presented a deed from the trustees of Columbia College for the ground necessary to widen Murray Street, which was directed to be recorded and filed with the Comptroller and the Counterpart duly executed under the seal of the corporation.

The Comptroller reported cash in the Treasury	$5938.98
Warrants not presented	573.
	5365.98

Whereupon His Honour the Mayor was requested to issue his warrant for payment of the following sums

Lawrance & Van Wart, Watch	592.90	
Farrington & White Do	592.90	
Goodheart & Hays Do	755.30	
James Hardie 1 month to 1st Septr	62.50	
Andw Otterson Asst City Inspecr Do	54.	
R. Graves Asst Street Commr Do	54.	
Adrian B. Holmes Do Do	54.	
Mott Hicks Do Do	54.	
William P. Roome, keeper of Potter's field 1 month to 1st September	31.	
William Cox, stone for park in front of the arsenal	8.	
Abraham Stagg's account for paving Spring & Delancey Street	800.	
Thomas Clark for regulating Hudson & Laight Streets	520.	
[255] J Kelly & P. Daly on account for paving Mott Street	400.	
Thomas Scott on acct of paving South Street	300.	
James Douglass on account of Stone work at Hudson Square	90.	
Samuel Tooker & other assessors for Beekman's Slip	20.	
John Kelly for I. Auld's order on account of lamps	168.12.	
Charles Dickinson Treasurer of the Board of Health	500.	
Oliver Waldron overseer of roads 1 month to 1st September	327.47 (wart cancelled)	
Richard Furman Superintendant of the Alms House	2000.	
John H. Sickles treasurer of the New City Hall	2000.	
		9384.19
Balance against the treasury		4018.21

The Comptroller was directed not to deliver the warrant to Oliver Waldron till the order of the road committee; nor those for Richard Furman and John H. Sickles till there shall be money in the treasury sufficient to meet them.

[256] In Common Council September 10th 1810

Present Jacob Radcliff Esqr Mayor President

Charles Dickinson 3d John Bingham Charles Dickinson 7th Joseph Watkins Nicholas Fish Mangle Minthorne	Esqs Aldermen	William Hoghland Isaac S. Douglass Thomas Timpson Edmund Kirby Wm A. Hardenbrook John Palmer	Esqrs Assistants

The minutes of the last meeting were read & approved.

Petitions of Wetmore and Jackson; of James & Robert S. Bartow and of William Shippey, praying the remission of fines severally incurred by them for selling certain goods at auction, in a manner contrary to law, were received & referred to the Attorney of the Board

A request was received from William J: Waldron collector of the Board, praying for leave of absence for a few days, which request was granted

The Collector of the Board presented the accounts of a number of delinquents in the payment of quit rents and other monies due to the Corporation. Whereupon ordered, that the same be returned to the Collector for collection

The petition of sundry inhabitants in the vicinity of Hudson, Budd, Hetty and Varick Street was received, praying that said streets may be regulated & paved viz Hudson Street from the North side of Spring Street to the South side of Hetty Street; Varick Street from the North side of Spring Street to the North side of Budd Street or Van Dam Street from the East side of Varick Street and Hetty or Charlton Street from the East side of Greenwich Street a distance of 640 feet, which will be 200 feet East of Hudson Street and that the curb stones and gutters should [257] be laid in the same manner as in Spring Street, viz the curb red stone & the gutters blue stone and the walks to be filled in. Whereupon ordered, that the said petition be referred, to the Alderman and assistant of the Eighth ward and the Street Commissioner

A petition of sundry inhabitants in the vicinity of King Street, praying, that the said street might be filled up and regulated, was read & referred to the City Inspector & Comptroller

A petition was received from John Shein praying for a butcher's stand at No 5 Spring Street market, which was granted

A petition of William Dusenbury for the stall No 4 in the Temporary market near the arsenal and a remonstrance of several butchers against the prayer of the petition were received. Whereupon ordered, that the petition & remonstrance [be] referred to the market committee. A petition of Cornelius Vandenburgh for a stall in the said market was likewise referred to the same committee

The petition of Jeremiah Tier praying for permission to sell meat in Hester Street was received & referred to the Market Committee

A petition of a number of cartmen, praying that the law respecting the sale of hay might be so amended as to permit each cartman to ride hay for his own use, was received. Whereupon ordered, that the said petition & the remonstrance be referred to the committee on Laws & ordinances

The petition of a number of inhabitants praying, that a watchman might be stationed at the corner of Orange & Chatham Streets was received & referred to the Watch Committee

An application from Bernard O'Blennis clerk of the police office, praying for the payment of an assistant in his department was received. Whereupon [258] resolved, that the same be referred to the finance committee

A communication was received from the Comptroller on the existing state of the pecuniary concerns of the corporation. Whereupon ordered, that the same be referred to the finance committee and the Comptroller

A report from the Comptroller on the memorial of Isaac Vanderbeck requesting the payment of interest on two bonds assigned to him by his daughter Ann Walker was received. Whereupon resolved that the same be referred to the finance committee

The Comptroller presented a report against the petition of John Johnston, praying for a lot of ground at the corner of Washington & Partition Street, which was read and confirmed

The Committee appointed to take into consideration the applications of minors for cartmen's licences recommended, that a licence be given to David Griffiths, a minor, which report was agreed to

The Market Committee having reported favourably on the petitions of Mathew Bird and George Paff, who had applied for stands in the temporary market, ordered, that the said report be confirmed

The Assistant Street Commissioner presented an assessment for paving Pearl Street from N° 430 & 431 to Chatham Street, which was confirmed & Noah Jarvis appointed collector.

The Assistant Street Commissioner presented an assessment for regulating Greenwich Street from the present pavement to Christopher

Street, and from Christopher Street to the late residence of William Bayard, which was confirmed and Andrew Tinkey appointed collector

The Road Committee, to whom were referred the accounts of James J. Myers and Oliver Waldron overseers of [259] roads presented a report, recommending the payment of the same, which was agreed to.

The following persons were appointed firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the corresponding vacancies

Fire Engine Company N° 27

David Dunn: grocer corner of Greenwich & Desbrosses S^t^ v. John Targay resigned & made foreman of N° 36.

N° 33

Thomas Winship butcher, Grand S^t^ v. James Chilson resigned.

Israel Sammis, grocer Grand S^t^ v. William Todd expelled for neglect of duty

A petition of Caleb Conklin, a butcher in the Fly Market, who had been deprived of his licence for not giving in a true account of the meat he had sold, expressing his sorrow for his misconduct & praying, that his licence may be restored to him was received. Ordered, that the same be referred to the Market Committee

On motion, resolved, that the attorney of the Board report on Monday next, what amount of fines he has received for breaches of any law of the Corporation & also by whom the said fines have been paid, since the first Monday of December last

The report of the Committee, to whom was referred the petition of the fishermen for a place near the Fly Market to dry their cars upon, reported, " that they have made enquiries into the subject and after full consideration are of opinion, that for the purpose of preserving the fish deposited in cars, in a wholesome condition, so as to be fit for the market, it is absolutely necessary, that the cars should be frequently taken out of the water and dried. That after a car has been one fortnight under water, it will contract a green mucus, or covering of several inches in thickness so as to stop all the openings at the bottom & sides of the cars, by which means the fish become sickly and in a short time die

[260] The Committee, therefore, recommend, that a temporary accommodation be granted to them on easterly side of the pier, on the West side of the Fly Market Slip, on condition of their not permitting any nuisances to be contracted there; and also that they shall not occupy more than nine feet in width on that side of the pier from

the North East corner of the said pier to the post erected by the outer bridge, being the second post from the South end of the pier. As this pier is 30 feet in width, the committee are of opinion, that this would not be any material obstruction to the discharging of vessels lying on the opposite side, and is less objectionable in that respect than any other place, that they have been able to discover in the neighbourhood of the Fly Market

But the Committee are of opinion, that provision ought to be made for the permanent accommodation of the fishermen, as well for the drying of their cars as for the keeping of their fish, while in the water. From the present situation of the slip, the boats frequenting the market are very much exposed to the Southerly winds and in the fall & winter months particularly. The pier on the East side of the slip extends 250 feet from South Street to the permanent line, while the pier on the West side extends only 195 feet. This will occasion the floating ice, in the winter season at flood tide to fill the slip & it will then be impossible for the hulk or car boat, used by the fishermen for fastening & supporting their cars to lie in its present situation without being beat to pieces. It must of consequence, unless the slip is better protected, be removed to its old situation near the foot of the drain

For remedy of these inconveniences and to furnish the necessary permanent accommodations to the fishermen, the committee recommend the sinking a block at the head of the western pier so as to form an ell of thirty or forty feet on the West side of the slip and to be [261] connected by a bridge of 25 or thirty feet with the main pier. That part of the proposed block, which projects across the head of the slip to be granted to the fishermen upon such terms as may be agreed upon, for the sole purpose of drying their cars. And the angle. formed by the new block with the present pier and opposite the bridge, to be used by the fishermen for keeping their hulk and cars with fish in the water

The committee presume, that the expence of sinking the block & making the bridge will not exceed $4000, and that if it is commenced without unreasonable delay, it may be completed this season

The Committee have conferred with a committee appointed by the fishermen, who were very desirous that some arrangement of the kind herein before mentioned should be carried into effect & are willing to pay such reasonable sum annually as the Corporation shall think an equivalent for the expences incurred in carrying the same into effect.

The diagram accompanying this report will present a general view of the Fly Market Slip & of the plan proposed by the Committee

Peter Hawes
(signed) William Hoghland
Charles Dickinson

Whereupon resolved, that that part of the report, which respects the temporary accommodation of the fishermen on the Easterly side of the pier on the West side of the Fly market Slip be agreed to and that the further consideration of the remaining part of the report be postponed

On motion of M^r Hardenbrook, resolved, that the recorder be requested to examine the laws passed at the last session of the legislature of this state, to ascertain whether the time of the Commissioners for laying out this island is prolonged, or when the time of their reporting to this Board does actually [262] expire

On motion, the following resolution was agreed to. Resolved, that the Committee of repairs examine into what repairs are necessary at the Hoboken ferry stairs, and report at the next meeting of the Board

On motion of M^r Hardenbrook, resolved, that two men be added to the fire Engine Company N^o 19

The Comptroller reported Cash in the treasury	3.988.49
Warrants not presented	573.
	3415.49

Whereupon his Honour the Mayor was requested to issue his warrants for payment of the following sums

John N. Weathershine for an award	500.	
W^m Torrey chairman Lamp comm^e	500.	
Oliver Waldron overseer of roads	327.47	
R. Furman Sup^t of Alms House	1000.	
John H. Sickles for New City Hall	1000.	
		3327.47
Balance in the treas^y		88. 2

[263] In Common Council September 17th 1810

Present Jacob Radcliff Esq^{r} Mayor President

Thomas Carpenter
Charles Dickinson 3d
John Bingham
William Torrey
Charles Dickinson 7th
Joseph Watkins
Mangle Minthorne
Esq^{rs} Aldermen

Samuel Jones Jun^{r}
Aug^{e} H. Lawrence
Rob^{t} Bogardus
W^{m} Hoghland
Isaac S. Douglass
Thomas Timpson
W^{m} A. Hardenbrook
John Palmer
Esq^{rs} Assistants

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

A petition of John D. Cunningham to be appointed a measurer was received On motion, [resolved] that the same be referred to the Committee on applications. The question being taken thereon, the members were equally divided. His Honour the Mayor gave his vote in the negative. It was then moved, that the prayer of the petition be granted, which was agreed to.

A petition of Henry Hart to extend for six weeks the time of payment of the rent in arrears on the lot he now holds of the Corporation was received and agreed to.

A petition was received from Arthur H. Roorback, requesting to have the lower part of Duane Market rented to him. Resolved, that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition

A petition was received from the inhabitants of Duane, Esther & Suffolk Streets, praying to have a watchman stationed in that neighbourhood, which was referred to the Watch Committee

A petition of John Stevens for a lease of Hoboken ferry to be conducted by Steam Boats was received and referred to the Committee on [264] Steam Boats & the Ferry Committee

A petition from the inhabitants of Jefferson Street was received, requesting said street to be regulated & paved as far as Harman Street, which was referred to the Street Commissioner

A petition of Fire Engine Company N^{o} 5 for 2 additional men was received & referred to the Chief Engineer

The attorney of the Board represented, that M^{r} Leonard Bleecker had proposed settling the amount of his assessment on Amity Street by notes payable at 60 and 90 days. Ordered, that the Attorney settle the same in the manner proposed by M^{r} Bleecker, giving conditional receipts for the same

An application of George W. Talbot for the appointment of fire warden in the 3^d^ ward was received & referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

A petition was received from John Jacob Astor, stating, that he had been prosecuted on an ordinance directing the filling in of a certain lot in Charleton Street; that the same ought to have been done by a tenant on the premises; but who having now resigned his lease, the petitioner was now complying with the ordinance. Whereupon ordered, that all further proceedings be stayed for the space of four weeks.

A petition was received from Mary Ervin, stating, that she was in extremely indigent circumstances, and that she was desirous of returning to Ireland, her native country & praying the assistance of the Board. Ordered, that the same be referred to the Commissioners of the Alms House.

A petition was received from Christian Hartill, stating that he had served his apprenticeship to the Butcher trade with Christian Miller, who brought [265] him up from his infancy; That M^r^ Miller occupied the stand N^o^ 19 Hudson Market; that he was lately deceased & the petitioner, therefore, requested a grant of said stand, whereby he would be enabled to collect the debts of the estate & support the widow of said Miller. Whereupon it was resolved, that the prayer of said petition be granted.

His Honour the Mayor stated, that repeated complaints had been made to him of the extream ill conduct of Jacob M'Keag the Lessee of Horn's Hook ferry. Whereupon the same was referred to the ferry committee

The following person was appointed a fireman, the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancy.

Fire Engine Company N^o^ 32

Peter Snouk, carpenter Bowery Lane 8^th^ ward v. Abraham Vincent resigned.

The Market Committee on the petition of Caleb Conklin, recommended, that his licence as a butcher be restored to him, which was agreed to.

Upon the petition of William Dusenberry, the Market Committee reported, that as the said Dusenbury had never served an apprenticeship to the Butcher's trade, the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted, which report was agreed to.

Upon the petition of Cornelius Vandenburg and B. Heyer for stands at the temporary market near the arsenal, the Market Committee reported in favour of the prayer of the petitioners, which was agreed to

Upon the petition of Jeremiah Tier to be permitted to sell meat in Hester Street, they reported, that from the vicinity of the temporary market, at the arsenal, they did not see the necessity of meat being sold in Hester Street &, therefore, [266] that the prayer of the petition ought not to be granted, which was agreed to.

The Committee of repairs, to whom was committed the examination of the dock and bridges wanting repairs reported, that repairs are necessary & recommend, that two of the bridges below the Market Vesey Street be laid with new plank; the old plank to be taken as spiles for the outer pier with a view of saving the Hoboken ferry stairs; that a few top pieces are wanted at the wharf at Spring Street; likewise a bridge at the Whitehall Slip, which is very much out of repair and dangerous to passengers. Whereupon the Superintendant of repairs was directed to cause the repairs in said report mentioned to be forthwith made; and also to cause the two bridges at the foot of Partition Street to be repaired; this not, however, in any way to effect the rights of this Board respecting that property.

The City Inspector reported drafts of ordinances for the correction of sundry nuisances, from N° 6019 to N° 6030 inclusive, which were ordered to be passed

The Street Commissioner presented a report on the subject of widening Roosevelt S^{t}, which was referred to the S^{t} Commissioner Ald^{n} Dickinson 7th & M^{r} Bogardus

The Street Commissioner made a representation in behalf of the contractors for streets which was read and ordered to be filed.

The Building Committee, agreeably to the direction of the board, presented a report on the subject of the City Hall, accompanied w^{h} a detailed statement from M^{r} John M'Comb jun^{r} the architect, of the progress and present state of that building, of the sums annually expended thereon from [267] its foundation in 1803 and an estimate of the additional sum, that will be requisite for the current year, which being read was ordered to be filed

The Attorney of the Board, on the subject of the report respecting the fines, which had been received by him, called for by a resolution of the Board, at their last meeting stated, that it was wholly out of his power to comply with said resolution this day, that the justice, before whom the suits have been prosecuted is engaged in making an accurate return from his minutes of the names of the parties, together with the amounts recovered, and that when the same is completed, which will be during this week, he will be enabled to comply with the terms of the said resolution. He begs leave farther to state, that heretofore it has been customary to report once in every year, and that had he been apprised of a wish on the part of the Board to change that method, he would have reported once a quarter or half yearly as would most comport with their wishes

Sept^r^ 17th 1810 (signed) I. A. Van Hook

The Attorney of the Board, on the petition of Wetmore & Jackson reported, that two of the said penalties are for selling provisions in barrels, and the other for selling animals near the Tontine Coffee House. It appears, that they knew of the law, prohibiting the sale of provisions during certain months in the year; but that they believed said law had expired, and as a reason of such belief, that they had refused to sell provisions during the month of August. This then instead of proving an apology operates against them; for with a little trouble they could have possessed themselves of the true state of the case, whether they were permitted to sell or not. I am of opinion, that they have shewn no reason for granting them relief for the two first penalties; but that they should pay the same. As to the last cause of complaint for selling animals, I have reason to believe, that the frequent sales, that daily take place of animals & particularly of sheep [268] at the Tontine Coffee house might have led them into an error, and am, therefore, of opinion, that from that penalty they should be relieved on the usual terms

(signed) I. A. Vanhook.

which report was agreed to.

The attorney of the Board, on the petition of James & Robert S. Bartow reported, " that on the 4th instant, they sold a curricle & harness, that they were knowing to a law on that subject, but believed it had expired, not having seen it published in the papers and that they did not know, that the corporation had the power of enacting a law for a longer period than one year and it also appears, that the frequent sales of such articles at the Coffee House induced them to a belief, that they were not prohibited from selling. Under such circumstances, I am of opinion, that so much of the fine as attaches to the Corporation should be remitted on the payment of the costs

Sep^t^ 17th 1810. (signed) I. A. Van Hook

which report was agreed to.

The Committee on licensing minor cartmen having reported in favour of Benjamin Smith jun^r a licence to drive a cart was ordered to issue to him.

The Committee on wharves, slips & piers, to whom was referred the propriety of sinking a block, in the form of an L at the end of the new pier at the Albany basin reported, that, in their opinion, such a block would be highly expedient and add much to the strength of the pier and to the security and protection of the vessels lying in the basin, and as they understand, that such block can be sunk now, when the pier is building, at less expense, than will hereafter be practicable, and they therefore recommend, that the same be directed to be done

Sept^r 17^th 1810 (signed) Thomas Carpenter
Samuel Jones Jun^r

which report was agreed to and the block to be sunk on [269] *on* the same terms, as those, on which the pier is to be constructed.

On motion of M^r Hardenbrook, Resolved, that the Road Committee be requested to cause a sufficient quantity of manure to be laid upon the Park at the junction of the Bloomingdale & Boston roads & to have the same neatly sodded & ornamented with trees

On motion of M^r Jones, resolved, that the Comptroller be authorised to borrow the sum of $50,000 on the bonds of the Mayor, Aldermen & Commonalty of the city of New York, on the most favourable terms in his power to be applied so much as may be necessary to meet expenditures yet to be incurred in the present season in the building of the New City Hall, the residue thereof to be paid into the Treasury, towards the repayment of what has been advanced for the building, during the current year; and that the sum to be borrowed be placed to the credit of the account with the New City Hall; & further that until such loan be effected, the Comptroller be authorised to borrow the sum of $20,000 on temporary loan and that the bond of the Corporation issue for the same with interest at 6 per cent.

On motion of M^r Hardenbrook, ordered, that the section of the state law respecting the duration of the Corporation ordinances be published in the papers employed by this Board

Ordered, that the Street Commissioner enquire & report, at what time the session of Green Street was made and also when the lease of John Stanley for part of the ground for said Street commenced.

On motion ordered, that the bond, which was directed to be given for compleating Charlotte Slip be issued payable in eighteen months

The Comptroller reported Cash in the treasury	4710.88
Warrants not presented	573.
Balance remaining	4137.88

Whereupon his Honour the Mayor was requested [270] to issue his warrants for payment of the following sums.

Lawrance & Van Wart for city watch	592.90
Farrington & White Do	592.90
Goodheart & Hays Do	755.30
Jacob Radcliff Esqr Mayor 1 qrs salary to 16th inst	1750.
Aquila Giles, Special Justice Do to 8th inst	250.
Charles Christian Do Do Do	250.
Bernard O Blenis Clerk of police Do Do	250.
Jacob P. Roome Supt of repairs Do to 14th inst	158.
John A. Crolius Inspector of Bread Do to 8th inst	88.90
Wm Miers attending the park for the month Augt	19.37
Martin C. Ramsay, Sunday services in 8th ward	12.
Peter Paulding & others Do by order of the Mayor	18.
Wm F. Stevenson 14 Sundays services 10th ward	21.
Wm Pollock Do Do	21.
Samuel Seacord, work &c at fence, at Old Potter's field	426.78
Nahum Rice Do Do	20.31
Joseph Watkins, timber &c for sundry places	89. 6
George Ireland & others arbitration fees in the case of Weathershine	9.
John Randell Junr for damages & costs in suit of John Mills	153.59
James J. Myers overseer of roads 2 months to 1st Augt	718.95
Oliver Waldron Do 1 month to Do	405. 4
George Warner 2 years interest on Canal St bond	276.50
Davis Blackley, repairing pumps 4th & 6th wards	69.37
Assessors for laying tax of 1810	975.25
Samuel B. Romaine, completing tax books	200.
Thomas Scott on account of South Street	600.
Thomas Palmer on account of Elizabeth St	450.
James Douglass for curb & Gutter in Hudson St	400.
Jeremiah Warner, drain in Jacob Street	300.
Abraham Stagg on acct of Spring & Delancey Sts	600.
William Torrey, chairman of Lamp Committee	1500.
Richard Furman Supt of Alms House	1000.
John H Sickles, treasurer of New City Hall	1000.
	13973.22

[271] In Common Council September 24th 1810

Present Josiah Ogden Hoffman Esqr Recorder President

Charles Dickinson 3d
John Bingham
William Torrey
Charles Dickinson 7th
Joseph Watkins
Mangle Minthorne
Esqrs Aldermen

Saml Jones Junr
Robert Bogardus
William Hoghland
Isaac S. Douglass
Thomas Timpson
Edmund Kirby
Wm A. Hardenbrook
John Palmer
Esqrs Assistants

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved

A memorial from sundry inhabitants for the removal of a pump in John Street was received & a remonstrance against the same. Whereupon resolved, that the memorialists have leave to withdraw their memorial

A petition from the inhabitants of Mercer Street for lamps was received & referred to the Lamp Committee

A petition for filling in Stanton & Pitt Streets was received & referred to the Street Commissioner

A petition of several inhabitants for pumps at the two mile stone, & at the corner of Broadway and Walker Street was received & granted under the direction of the Aldermen and assistants of the respective wards & the superintendant of repairs.

A petition of Jannet Montgomery and Benjamin F. Haskins, on the subject of their lots on Stanton Street was received & referred to the Street Commissioner and the Alderman and assistant of the Tenth ward

A petition of Isaac Emmons complaining of the Slaughter house of William Everitt was received & referred to the City Inspector

A memorial of Dominick T. Blake *request* [272] requesting the use of a room in the City Hall for the evening meetings of a society of Students at law was received & referred to the Comptroller

A petition of the inhabitants of Thompson street, praying that said street should be regulated was received & referred to the Street Commissioner

A petition of James Scott, praying that the Corporation would exchange lot No 137 Common Lands now held by him for Lot No 138 was read & referred to the Comptroller

A petition for paving Washington Street between Beaver Lane & Albany Basin was received & referred to the Street Commissioner

A remonstrance of Thomas & John Gardner against Gabriel Furman filling in a certain Water Lot at Corlaer's Hook was received &

referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Seventh ward & the Street Commissioner

A memorial of John Anderson contractor for sinking piers at Duane Street Basin stating that a misfortune, which had happened in sinking one of said piers, whereby it had slid from its base was received and referred to Alderman Dickinson 3d Mr Bogardus & Mr Palmer

The City Inspector reported drafts of ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances from No 6031 to No 6042 inclusive, which were passed.

The Comptroller presented the following

" The Comptroller respectfully reports, that agreeably to a resolution of the Board on the 17th instant, he has made application to several banks and Insurance Companies to obtain the loan of twenty thousand dollars; but without effect

The President of the Mechanics Bank intimated that the money could be obtained of them, provided the Board would authorise the Treasurer to open an account [273] with said bank. This loan would be at an interest of six per cent payable at three months or sooner as the taxes might be received.

(signed) G. N. Bleeker, Comptroller

Whereupon Mr Bogardus moved the following resolution

" Resolved, that this Board deem it inexpedient to open an account with the Mechanic Bank for the purpose of procuring a loan therefrom, inasmuch as an account opened with that would change the deposits from the Manhattan Bank, in which last mentioned bank the Corporation is a large stockholder." Mr Jones then moved the following amendment " Resolved, that the said loan be made of the said mechanics bank and that an account be opened with the said bank, and such monies as this Board shall direct, be from time to time deposited in the said bank

The question being taken thereon and a division having been called, it passed in the negative in manner following

Negative	Affirmative
Alderman Dickinson 3d	Aldn Watkins
Bingham	Mr Jones
Torrey	Douglass
Dickinson 7	Kirby
Minthorne	Hardenbrook
Mr Bogardus	Palmer 6
Hoghland &	
Timpson 8	

The question was then taken on M^r^ Bogardus's resolution and carried in the affirmative

The Committee upon licences to minors as cartmen having recommended Hicks Van Nostrandt, a licence was directed to be issued to him.

The Canal Committee and the Comptroller, to whom was referred the accompt of the Commissioners of Canal Street reported, that they had examined the accounts with the vouchers & found them accurate and that the balance due [274] them was $2152 $^{35}/_{100}$. Whereupon ordered, that the Comptroller report a warrant for said balance

The Committee, to whom was referred the communication of the Street Commissioner on the subject of Roosevelt Street presented the following report. The Communication of the Street Commissioner was in the words following

"The Street Commissioner begs leave to state, that an ordinance has been lately passed for paving Roosevelt Street from Water to Front Streets

It appears on record, that on the 10th September 1792, a committee reported, that they had purchased of Daniel Latham & Thomas White a lot of ground 36 feet 7 inches wide extending from Water Street into the river, as far as the grant extends for the purpose of continuing Roosevelt Street.

It further appears, that on the 18th day of March 1793, it was ordered, that Roosevelt Street be continued through the ground purchased of Daniel Latham & Thomas White the breadth of 17 feet and this being the last resolution of the Board respecting the width of the street, the Street Commissioner feels it a duty incumbent on him before the contract is made for paving to suggest to the Board the propriety of ordering the street to be made the full width of the ground purchased for that purpose" (signed) Samuel Stilwell

The committee thereupon reported, that they deemed it expedient, that the Board should agree to the suggestion therein contained and recommended the following resolution

Resolved, that Roosevelt Street be continued, opened and regulated from Water Street to Front Street, the full width of the ground purchased for that purpose and that the same be paved without delay

Samuel Stilwell
(signed) Robert Bogardus
Charles Dickinson

[275] which report was confirmed

The Street Commissioner on the petition of Abijah Brainard reported, that there was due to the petitioner for curb & gutter stone in Broad Way between Leonard & Art Street $1250.5/100 Whereupon it was ordered, that the Comptroller report a warrant for payment of the same.

The following person was appointed fireman, the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancy.

Engine Company Nº 3

Francis Burras Cabinet maker Nº 2 Nassau Street 1st ward v. Robert Anderson resigned

A report of the Chief Engineer on the request of fire Engine Company Nº 5 for two additional men was referred back to the Chief Engineer for him to assign the reasons of his report

The Street Commissioner presented ordinances for regulating and digging out Grand Street from Elizabeth Street to Orange Street & for paving Jefferson Street from Division to Harman Street, which were severally passed.

The Street Commissioner presented an assessment for the intersections of Grand & Essex Street which was confirmed & Isaac Kealer was appointed Collector

The Street Commissioner also presented the assessments for paving Fourth Street and Broome Sts, which were confirmed & Lewis Angevine was appointed collector of the former and Isaac Keeler of the latter

The Street Commissioner presented returns of delinquents on the assessments for paving Varick and Provost Streets & for paving Walker Street. Whereupon ordered, that warrants issue to the respective collectors to collect the same.

The Street Commissioner, to whom was referred the petition for opening Crosby Street reported, " That the inconvenience complained of by the petitioners is that they cannot travel out of town, or to that part that lies [276] beyond them in a direct line, and as most of the citizens of this city are unavoidably subject to the like inconvenience, the Street Commissioner can see no feasible remedy for the people of Crosby Street. Yet he has good reason to believe, that the proprietors of the obstructing enclosures will soon open the street to Bleeker Street, of their own accord. and, therefore, can see no necessity of the interference of your Honourable Board

(signed) Samuel Stilwell

Which report was agreed to.

The Street Commissioner on the petition for postponing the digging out Grand Street from Suffolk to Goerck Street reported in favour of the petitioners, which was agreed to

The Street Commissioner on the petition for regulating Walker and Beach Streets & making a sewer in Chapel Street reported, " That he can see no necessity of urging the regulation of those streets this fall, as it would make the passing very bad in the winter & Spring; and he is of opinion, that a covered sewer would be a pernicious thing in that place & ought to be avoided

(signed) Samuel Stilwell

Which report was agreed to.

The Committee on the petition for regulating Ridge Street reported, that it would be advisable to postpone the regulating of said street until the adjoining streets were regulated, as Ridge Street would require a large quantity of earth to be removed from it. Which report was agreed to.

The Committee on the petition for paving Broome Street from Suffolk to Mangin Street reported, that the season is too far advanced to commence the work; but recommend, that the ordinance be passed and the work commenced in the Spring, which was agreed to and the ordinance was accordingly passed.

[277] The attorney of the Board presented the following

The Attorney of the Board begs leave to state, that he has seen Samuel Cowdrey the former attorney in relation to the case of Anthony Dey, who states, that all the facts arising in the cause have been inserted in the case and that he believes the same to be correct. It will be necessary for the Board to appoint counsel to assist in the argument before the Supreme Court

(signed) I. A. Van Hook

Whereupon resolved, that his Honour the Recorder be retained as Counsel for the Board in said cause

The Attorney on the case of W^{m} Shippey praying to be relieved from the penalty incurred by him for selling, as stated by the complainants, dry fish, begs leave to report, that it appears by the examination of several witnesses, that the article sold was not dry fish, but smoaked fish, which by law is not prohibited. Under these circumstances I am of opinion, that as there is no penalty for selling smoaked fish, he ought to be discharged (signed) Isaac A. Van Hook

which report was agreed to

The Attorney of the Board reported, that the proprietors of Lots on the South side of Coentie's Slip, who claim an exemption from the expence of paving, by virtue of their grant given them by Augustus Van Courtlandt & originally made to him by the Corporation, have agreed to submit the question to two arbitrators and have chosen on their part William Slosson & wish the Board to *to* appoint same person on their part in order that the question may be finally settled

(signed) Isaac A Van Hook.

Whereupon resolved, that Caleb S. Riggs Esquire be the arbitrator on the part of this Board

[278] The Attorney presented a communication on the subject of the removal of the obstructions in Front Street, which was directed to be referred to the Comptroller & Street Commissioner

A motion having been made, that the Comptroller to whom the subject respecting the commutation of quit rents had been committed should be discharged, the members were equally divided and his Honour the Recorder voting in the negative, it passed in the negative

On motion the Alderman & Assistant of the Seventh Ward were authorised to direct the Superintendant of repairs to cause all necessary repairs to be made to Charlotte Slip

On motion, resolved, that the Trustees of the New York City Dispensary be authorised to occupy, for the use of their institution, the building erected for the office of the Board of Health until the first day of May next

Ordered, that the Street Commissioner prevent persons from digging out the ground in Prince Street

[279] The Comptroller reported Cash in the treasury		848.86
Warrants not presented	7185.72	

Whereupon his Honour the Recorder was requested to issue his warrants for payment of the following sums.

Isaac Auld 1 month for lighting lamps to 11th June last	646.53
Wm Edgar & John B. Miller bond payable	2316.25
John Blackledge & Abm A. Hart overseeing convicts 2 months	217.
Mary Jones, printing blanks	13.
Daly & Kelly on Walker & Mott Sts	1000.
Thomas Palmer on Elizabeth St	820.
Abraham Stagg, on Spring Delancey & Mulberry Streets	662.
James Douglass on Hudson Square	470.
Thomas Scott on South Street	400.
Moran & Terney on Crosby Street	300.
Kane & Daly on Spring Street	280.
Chas Mooney on Varick & Provost St	220.
Ludlam & Cooper, surveying Spring St	85.60

Enoch Hoyt on Greenwich Street........................	69.
James Vincent, Chapel Street...........................	50.
Jonas Mapes, bale for ground on Lombardy Park..........	63.
Adolph Carter & other assessors on Do	15.22
Jacob P. Roome Supt of repairs to pay workmen &c.......	300.
John H Sickles, New City Hall..........................	2000.
Richard Furman Alms house..............................	4000.
	$13.927.60

[280] In Common Council October 1st 1810

Present Jacob Radcliff Esqr Mayor President
Josiah Ogden Hoffman Esqr Recorder

Thomas Carpenter	Esqrs Aldermen	Saml Jones Junr	Esqrs Assistants
Charles Dickinson 3d		Peter Hawes	
James Roosevelt		Auge H Lawrence	
John Bingham		Robert Bogardus	
William Torrey		Wm Hoghland	
Charles Dickinson 7th		Thos Timpson	
Joseph Watkins		Edmund Kirby	
Mangle Minthorne		Wm A Hardenbrook	
		Isaac S Douglass	
		John Palmer	

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Comptroller presented the following communication

" The Comptroller has the honour to inform the Board, that agreeably to their resolution of the 17th ulto he has effected a temporary loan at the Manhattan Bank for twenty thousand dollars payable within thirty days from the 27th ult at 6 per cent per annum by a bond, which has been executed and delivered; it being understood, that an arrangement would be made to pay the said sum within the time limited

A permanent loan of fifty thousand dollars at 7 per cent per annum had been proposed to the subscriber, payable by a bond of the Corporation at three years, reserving to them the liberty of paying the same at any time within the above period; or by instalments of not less than ten thousand dollars, at a time

It is thought, that these terms are as favourable as, under all circumstances, can be obtained at present, [281] and if no objection should be made by the Board, the subscriber will proceed to execute the power vested in him, by the first section of the resolution passed the 17th September last

(signed) G. N. Bleeker Comptr

Whereupon resolved, that the same be approved.

A communication was received from Robert Lilburn on the subject of the dispute between him and the Corporation, which was referred to the Comptroller & recorder.

A petition of Cornelius Timpson for remission of a penalty for breach of the Sunday Law was referred to the Attorney of the Board.

A petition of Charles Gillman for stand No 4 in Spring Market was referred to the Market Committee

A further petition of Mary Ervin stating, her necessitous situation and that the Commissioners of the Alms House, to whom her former petition was referred had given her no relief. Whereupon it was resolved, that the petitioner have leave to withdraw her petition.

A petition was received from John Jackson, stating, that he had sunk a bulkhead in front of his grant at Brooklyn; that the adjoining water lots belonged to the Board, and as the earth, with which he filled in his bulkhead would wash through the ground of the Corporation, unless the bulkhead was also sunken there, he prayed the Board would order it to be done; that he would perform the work for them & would rent the lots or purchase them, as the Board should judge most advantageous to them.

A petition was also received from Bourdett Stryker, stating, that he was desirous of purchasing or leasing from the Corporation the Water Lots at Brooklyn North of the Old Ferry called the Rock's. Whereupon, [282] ordered, that the two foregoing petitions be referred to Alderman Carpenter Mr Hoghland Mr Hawes Alderman Dickinson 7th & the Comptroller.

A petition of Peter G Hart, in behalf of himself and partner Thomas H. Smith, praying remission of a fine for keeping gunpowder in their store incurred by them through mistake of the law, the same having been procured at the request of a friend of theirs and not vended by them. A motion was made, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petitions. A division having been called, it was carried in the affirmative in manner following

Affirmative		Negative
Alderman Carpenter	Mr Jones	Alderman Roosevelt
Dickinson 3d	Lawrence	Watkins
Bingham	Hoghland	Mr Bogardus
Torrey	Timpson	Kirby &
Dickinson 7th	Hardenbrook 12	Palmer 5
Minthorne		

Mr Bogardus moved to reconsider the vote last taken, which passed in the negative.

A petition was received from Anthony Addy stating, that at the fire in Desbrosses Street he had sustained great losses and praying the assistance of the Board was received & referred to the Committee of Charity

A petition of 144 Cartmen, complaining that some Cartmen monopolised the wood brought [283] into the city & praying, that the Wood Inspectors may be directed to take charge of the wood & remedy the mischief, was received & referred to Alderman Dickinson 3d, Bingham & Mr Kirby

A petition of Susan Daly, praying an extension of the time of payment of an assessment for $26 for paving Mott Street was received. Whereupon ordered, that she have time until the first day of May next.

A petition of John Ireland, praying abatement of an assessment laid on him for opening Amity Street was received & referred to the Street Commissioner

A petition of John S. Delamater praying, that the Board would direct some repairs to be made to the house, which he rents from them, situate at the corner of Pearl & State Streets near the Battery was referred to the Committee on repairs

The Attorney of the Board represented, that within ten days, several vessels had arrived from Ireland with passengers & in order to avoid giving the bond for the passengers required by law, had entered their vessels & landed their passengers at Amboy, many of whom had come to this city and would probably become a charge on the same

Ordered, that the Attorney pursue such measures as the law directs for redressing the evil stated

A petition from the Inhabitants of Jefferson Street, praying, that they may be permitted to pave said street themselves was received. Whereupon ordered, that they be permitted to pave the same under the directions & orders of the Street Commissioner

The Chief Engineer agreeably to the directions of the Board reported his reasons for complying with the request of Fire Engine Company No 5 in having [284] two men added to their company, which were deemed satisfactory and two additional men were ordered to be attached to said company.

The Committee of the Fire department, to whom was referred the petition of Hook & Ladder Company No 3 for a truck to convey their instruments upon and for a shed to deposit them, under reported in favour of granting the prayer of the petition which was agreed to and they were directed to be provided under the direction of the Chief Engineer & Superintendant of repairs

The following persons were appointed firemen, the chief engineer certifying the corresponding vacancies

Fire Engine Company N° 4

Isaac E. Conklin mercht N° 31 Stone Street vice Joseph Skelton resigned.

Company N° 24

Paoli Young Cabinet maker Broad Street 1 ward v. William Brown resigned.

Company N° 31

Caleb Smith, grocer N° 2 Sugar Loaf Street 5th ward. v Peter R Bogart resigned

The Comptroller on the petition of James Scott reported, That the petitioner owns Lot N° 137 of the Common Lands, subject to an annual rent of four bushels of wheat; also lot N° 138 adjoining, on lease, 13 years unexpired from the 1st of May last, at an annual rent of ten dollars. He wishes permission to exchange these lots by taking the lease lot in fee, and the other on lease, on the same conditions, at which they now stand, or to purchase the lease lot

The Subscriber can perceive no advantage likely to result to the Corporation from this exchange; but some inconvenience might arise from interference with sales already made and the precedent [285] may be plead by others in similar circumstances, which eventually might operate unfavourably to the interests of the Corporation.

As to the purchase of the Lease Lot, the board will judge of the expediency of selling it at this time, and of the price, which they are disposed to take, should they agree to a sale

The facts above stated are respectfully submitted for the consideration of the Board.

(signed) G. N. Bleeker Comptr

On the question to agree to the same, a division having been called, it passed in the negative in the following manner.

Negative		Affirmative	
Alderman Carpenter		Aldn Dickinson 7th	
Dickinson 3d		Minthorne	
Roosevelt		Mr Hawes	
Bingham		Hoghland	
Torrey		Timpson	
Watkins		Kirby	
Mr Jones		Hardenbrook	
Lawrance		Palmer	8
Bogardus	9		

Mr Hardenbrook gave notice, that he would, at the next meeting, move a reconsideration of the vote taken

The Comptroller & Street Commissioner were then directed to treat with Mr Scott respecting the exchange proposed by him and to report the same to the Board.

The Comptroller on the petition of Dominick T. Blake presented a report which was agreed to and the following resolution was adopted

Resolved, that Mr Skaats be authorised to permit Dominick T. Blake Esqr to make use of such room in the City Hall, in the day time, as shall not be otherwise occupied for the purpose of [286] any lectures or instructions, which Mr Blake may Deliver on legal subjects

The Street Commissioner on the petition for filling in Stanton Street & Pitt Street reported " that he had viewed the premises & found the streets impassible for carriages. A great quantity of ground from the Lots of Jannet Montgomery & Benjamin F. Haskins & from Pitt and Stanton Streets has gone into the lots of Phoenix & Ingraham on the North side of Stanton Street; and the Street Commissioner is of opinion that until the lots on the North side of Stanton Street are filled so high as to confine the water to the street, the street cannot be made to stand; but with a small expence for the present, the intersection of Stanton & Pitt Streets may be mended so as to make Stanton Street passable "

(signed) Samuel Stilwell

which report was agreed to and the Street Commissioner was directed to cause the intersection to be repaired agreeably to his report.

The Street Commissioner presented a memorial from Thomas Stagg Junior & sundry inhabitants suggesting the propriety of immediately causing Peck Slip to be filled up, which was referred to the former committee on the subject viz Mr Jones, Mr Bogardus & Alderman Fish, who were requested to report the several proceedings, which had been had thereon

The City Inspector reported ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances from No 6043 to No 6053 inclusive, which were passed

The Street Commissioner on the petition of John Stanley having on the 24th Septr last reported, " that the Streets on the West side of Broadway, running through the ground of Anthony [287] L. Bleeker was ceded to the corporation 19th October 1808; that John Stanley farms the land of Mr Bleeker, by virtue of a verbal agreement for one year, commencing on the first day of April last

(signed) Samuel Stilwell

which report having on that day been referred back to the Street Commissioner for further investigation, he now added the following " that he had called on Mr Stanley to see if he had a lease or not; that on Friday last Mr Stanley had called at his office and handed to him as he (Mr Stanley) said, all the papers in his possession on this subject, by which it appears Mr Stanley had no written lease.

By the receipts for rent paid, it appears, that previous to ceding the streets to the corporation by Mr Bleeker, Stanley paid $375 a year for rent, and after that only $300. The Street Commissioner is, therefore persuaded, that Mr Stanley's report has no foundation in justice or equity

(signed) Samuel Stilwell

The Comptroller & Street Commissioner, to whom was referred the report of the Attorney of the Board, on the removal of obstructions in Front Street reported, that the proposals made by Lewis Moore are such as the Board ought not to accede to. The Street Commissioner also communicated a letter from David V. Smith, in which he stated, that he would consent to the cutting off of his store for the purpose of widening said street on receiving $400 and provided the alteration was made in the month of July & August next.

Whereupon ordered, that the Street Commissioner take legal measures for causing the obstruction in Front Street to be removed.

The Street Commissioner presented a return of delinquents on the assessment for paving South [288] Street. Whereupon a warrant was ordered to issue to the Collector for the collection of the same

The Street Commissioner stated, that on account of the ill health of Benjamin C. Stevenson Collector for Spring Street & Elizabeth Street the assessment remained uncollected. He also stated, that Edward Moran had been repeatedly called upon: but without effect to make returns of the several assessments of which he was collector. Information was given, that Mr Stevenson was now so far recovered, as to attend to business; And the Street Commissioner was directed to call upon Mr Moran to state to the Board, at their next meeting, the cause of his neglect.

On motion resolved, that the Attorney of the Board be directed to enforce without delay the collection of all such penalties as have been incurred by not filling up sunken lots near the Intersection of Stanton & Pitt Streets & other places for the filling up of which ordinances have been, or shall hereafter be, passed. And that the Street Commissioner, from time to time, report new ordinances as those already passed & to be passed shall expire, until said lots shall be filled.

The Street Commissioner presented an ordinance for paving Washington Street from Beaver Lane to Albany Basin, which was passed, and Daniel Smith, Garret Storm, John Nitchie Junior, Benjamin Stephens and James W. Lent were appointed assessors, the rule on this subject having, by unanimous consent, been dispensed with.

On motion, resolved, that the Street Commissioner cause so much of the pavement in Chatham Street and in the Bowery Road to be repaired as in his opinion shall be necessary.

[289] On like motion, ordered, that the Street Commissioner ascertain and report the level of Church Street between Vesey & Barclay Street.

On motion, ordered it to be referred to the Street Commissioner to judge of the propriety of widening the foot walk in Bayard Street in front of Mr Hardenbrook's property with authority to do it, if in his opinion proper.

Ordered, that the Road Committee be authorised to sell the buildings on a lot at the Inclenbergh, opposite Jay's tavern

Mr Bogardus moved, that the Board take up the consideration of the report of the Committee on the petition of Patrick M'Kay, which was agreed to. After some time spent thereon, it was agreed that a special meeting be called on Friday next to take into consideration the subject of the Inclenbergh lots & the opening of the Albany Avenue & the further consideration of the report was postponed until that day. The Committee on the Inclenbergh lots were requested to prepare by that day a statement of the facts in that case

The Board then agreed to meet on Friday next at 3 o'clock at the Alms House in order to make, at the same time, the quarterly visitation of the Alms House & Bridewell

[290] The Comptroller reported cash in the treasury	6620.91
Warrants not presented	5503.54
	1117.37

Whereupon his Honour the Mayor was requested to issue his warrants for payment of the following sums.

Lawrance & Van Wart	Watch	592.90
Farrington & White	Do	592.90
Goodheart & Hays	Do	755.30
J. Morton 1 qrs salary as receiving clerk to 4th instant		125.

Jas Hardie asst City Inspr 1 mo to 1st Inst..............	62.50
A. Otterson Do Do Do	50.
Mott Hicks Asst St Commr Do	50.
Adrian B. Holmes Do Do	50.
Wm P. Roome keeper of Pottersfield Do	30.
Henry Kembell Stone for park at Bloomingdale road......	96.25
Saml Russel & other commissioners of Canal Street balance	2152.35
Abraham Stagg on acct of Pearl st......................	200.
Jonathan Little & other assessors for opening Walker Street	112.
Thomas Scott paving intersections......................	104.78
John H. Sickles for New City Hall......................	2000.
Abijah Brainard for curb & gutter stone in Broadway.....	1250. 5
	8224. 3

[291] In Common Council October 5th 1810

Present Jacob Radcliff Esqr Mayor President

		Samuel Jones Junr	
Charles Dickinson 3d		Peter Hawes	
Thomas Carpenter		Robert Bogardus	
John Bingham	Esqs Aldermen	Wm Hoghland	Esqs Assistants.
William Torrey		Thomas Timpson	
Joseph Watkins		Edmund Kirby	
		Wm A. Hardenbrook	

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

The Board proceeded to make the quarterly visitation of the Alms House & Bridewell, after which the following business was transacted

The Comptroller presented the following report on the subject of the Loan

The Comptroller respectfully reports, that [he] has negotiated a loan, with the Phœnix Insurance company of New York for fifty thousand dollars at an interest of 7 per Cent per Annum, payable annually; reserving the liberty of paying the principal or any part thereof in sums of not less than ten thousand dollars at one time, at any period within three years from the 3d instant, in conformity with a resolution of the Board passed the 17th ultimo.

It is recommended, that a warrant should issue in favour of the President & Directors of the Manhattan Company for twenty thousand and thirty dollars, Amount of Principal and interest from the 27th ultimo to the 6th instant, due on a temporary loan made with that company, agreeably to the resolution above mentioned

(signed) G. N. Bleeker, Comptroller

Which report was approved and a warrant was [292] directed to be issued for $20.030 to the Manhattan Company in payment of the sum borrowed, as *as* mentioned in said report

A petition of Sarah Lewis for a stand, to sell vegetables in the Bear Market was received & referred to the Market Committee

The Committee, to whom was referred the petitions of John Jackson & Burdett Stryker for a grant or lease of the Corporation Lands on the East side of the Old Ferry at Brooklyn, and also certain propositions for erecting a bulkhead & filling the same to high water mark reported

That they have examined the premises and are of opinion, that the said bulkhead ought to be made and the grounds filled in as soon as can conveniently be done. But that before any contracts are made for filling in the same, or granting the same on a lease, it is expedient to lay out the whole of the Corporation Lands at Brooklyn in City Lots of 25 feet by 100 feet, or as near thereto as the circumstances of the ground will admit.

They therefore recommend, that the Street Commissioner be required to lay out the whole of said grounds in lots, under the direction of some committee of the Corporation & cause a map of the same to be made, as soon as possible & report the same to the Corporation together with the probable expence of making a bulk head & filling in the said grounds

(signed) Thomas Carpenter
Peter Hawes
William Hoghland
G. N. Bleeker Comptroller.

Which report was agreed to & the same committee & the Street Commissioner were directed to carry the same into effect.

[293] The Committee appointed to report a state of facts, respecting the application before the Common Council on the subject of the Inklebergh lots reported, that they were furnished with copies & extracts of the proceedings of the Common Council on that subject commencing on the 3d of March 1806 and brought down to 2d July last, which they herewith lay before the Board. By these documents, it appears, that prior to the first mentioned date, the lots at Inklebergh had been laid down on a map made under the direction of the Common Council; that according to a report of the then Comptroller made on the 31st March 1806, fifty nine half acre lots (or nearly that quantity) were sold at Public auction on the twenty fifth day of that month

for the sum of 61.990 dollars or thereabouts subject to a yearly quit rent of twenty bushels of merchantable wheat and that 25 per cent of the purchase money had been paid in part and would be received in the course of that week, on the residue of the amount of sales

That on the eighth day of February 1808, a reference was made to the Aldermen & Assistants of the eighth and ninth wards to take into consideration the situation of the said lots as sold by the direction of the Common Council and to report on the propriety of passing ordinances for opening streets, from the main road to meet the street on these lots; that on the 8th August 1808, the then Comptroller in a report made by him to the Common Council, took occasion to mention, that a very small part of the purchasers of the lots in question had paid in full, that several had not made any payments and some of them, who had partially complied wh the terms of the sale were anxious to effect a settlement, provided the Corporation would comply with a condition on their part, which was to open a street [294] called Albany Avenue—and that as more than two years had elapsed since the sale of the lots and as a settlement could not be effected without the interference of the Board, the matter was submitted for these considerations; upon which the subject was referred to a committee of the Common Council—that no report appears to have been made by that Committee—That on the 28th August 1809, a reference was made to the Road Committee on the subject of opening the roads through the lots in question—That a report was made by that committee on the subject, on the 11th September 1809, stating in substance amongst other things, that, at the time of the sale of the lots a map or diagram of the property was exhibited, on which were pourtrayed certain streets or avenues communicating with the said lots and without which no access could be had thereto, the said streets or avenues also passing through the grounds of several individuals, that in pursuance of an implied stipulation on the part of the Board to open said roads, the grounds wanted for the purpose of forming and opening one of the said streets to wit the Albany avenue had been taken & the recompence to be made therefor to the owners ascertained by the verdict of a jury, which had been approved by the Court; but had never been acted upon by the Common Council and that the purchasers availed themselves of the want of access to their lots to decline payment of the purchase monies on the ground of the non performance on the part of the Corporation in that respect of the conditions of the sale, and under all which circumstances, the committee recommended the passing an ordinance for opening the said Albany Avenue, which ordinance was passed and assessors appointed for making an assessment [295] of the expences on these deemed to be benfitted thereby.

That on the 12th February 1810, the Street Commissioner presented an assessment of the expences for opening said avenue. That on the 26th February 1810, objections in writing were made to that assessment and submitted to the Common Council, which objections being referred to a committee of the Board, that Committee on the 4th April 1810, made a report thereon giving it as their opinion, that the assessment ought to be set aside; but that as the said Albany Avenue was established, as a public street, the same ought to be opened with as little delay as might be, which report was confirmed and the assessment with the objections to it was ordered to be returned to the assessors for revisal & correction. That the same has never been corrected

That on the 5th March 1810, a request was made to the Common Council in writing from certain proprietors of Lots on the Albany Avenue, praying that the same might be continued from Potters Field, to the first Cross Road, and on the 27th March a petition was presented by Patrick M'Kay a purchaser of some of the lots in question, stating, that it was a condition of the sale, that roads should be opened through the grounds according to a map or plan exhibited, which had not been done, whereby he was prevented from improving his property & praying that the Common Council would either fulfil their assessments or return him the purchase money,

That the last mentioned applications were, at first referred to the Committee on the subject of the Albany Avenue; but on the 9th April 1810, another application being made by the said Patrick M'Kay on the subject of his lots at Inclenbergh, the former committee on the Albany Avenue was discharged, and the whole subject referred to a special committee, and [296] which committee on the 4th June 1810 made the report, which is now under the consideration of the Board

Application has also been made on the subject to the former Committee of the Common Council under whose direction the lots in question were sold, and an answer has been received from the late Alderman Drake, one of the said committee stating, that he was present, at the sale & thinks that nothing was said by order of the Corporation as to opening the Albany Avenue. The letter from Alderman Bingham to him as well as his answer accompany this report. Other applications are also before the Board on the Subject, as well as by Abraham Burdowine, one of the purchasers of Lots at Inklebergh, praying that the alleged agreement on the part of the Corporation to open the streets in question may be fulfilled, or that the purchase money paid for said lots may be returned, as also by some of the individuals, whose grounds were taken for the purpose of opening the Street called the Albany Avenue, praying, that the sums awarded them by the Jury may be paid and that the said street may be opened & representing the hardships and inconvenience they suffer from the present situation of that street and their grounds fronting upon it

The lots by the deeds or grants thereof are bounded on streets and the streets & avenues not actually opened, upon which the lots are made to front, or by which they are bounded, appear by the acts & proceedings of the Common Council to have been intended to be laid out and are delineated on the map made of the said lots accordingly and the sale of the said lots appears to have taken place and to have been made according to that map, before the passing of the act [297] of the Legislature of the State, which was passed on the 3^d April 1807 entitled " An Act relative to improvements touching the laying out streets and roads in the City of New York and for other purposes " and to which act and the provisions therein contained as respects the matters contained in this report, reference is hereby made—the same being before the Common Council

A statement of the Comptroller also accompanies this report, shewing, who were the purchasers of the lots in question, the prices thereof, what had been paid & what is yet due thereon respectively

(signed) S Jones Jun^r
Robert Bogardus

The following is a copy of the application made to the former Committee and of the answer of the late Alderman Drake aluded to in the preceding report

October 4^th 1810

Sir,

The Corporation hold a special session to morrow, three o'clock afternoon at the Alms House, for the express purpose of determining on the propriety of allowing interest on the money paid on the purchase of the Inclenbergh Lots or on the taking them back & refunding them the money on the presumption; that the Corporation, at the time of the sale, did make a promise to open the Albany Avenue & streets fronting their lots. Your being acquainted with the particulars as they transpired at the time induces the committee, to whom that business is referred, to request of you to inform them of any circumstances you are acquainted with relative to that subject in writing and transmit it to the Chairman Samuel Jones Junior N^{o} 27 Wall Street by three o'clock to [298] morrow afternoon and you will oblige

Sir

James Drake Esq^{r} } Your humble Servant
& Jacob Mott Esq^{r} } John Bingham

To which the following was received from M^{r} Drake

Sir,

I was present, during the sale of the lotts, and do not think that any thing was said by order of the Corporation for opening of the Albany Avenue. It was painted on the map, and think that the Corporation could not be so imprudent as to commit themselves so unnecessarily. I think the purchasers had hard bargains. If they had not, the corporation would not have heard of the opening of Albany avenue, at their expence

James Drake

Samuel Jones Jun^{r} Esq^{r}

The following is the statement of the Comptroller aluded to in the above report

Inclenbergh Lots

Unsettled

Purchasers	N^{o} of Lots	Purchase	Principal paid	Interest paid
Pat^{k} M'Kay	2, 52, 53	$5190	3243.75	$58.38¾
E. Anderson jun^{r}	4.	1380	345	
W^{m} Bryden	7.	510	127.50	
John D. Miller	10, 12, 35, 36	3100	775.	
Ab^{m} Baudouine	11, 34, 46	3190	1993.75	49.44
W^{m} J. Waldron	13	420	262.50	4.72½
John & W. Turk	16	800	200	
John Murphy	17	1150		
Elias Nexsen	22, 55, 56	2970	1856.25	33.41¼
George J. Warner	23, 24,	1730	1081.25	19.66¼
P. Hattrick & C^{o}	26, 30	2020	1262.50	22.72½
John Taylor	27, 28	1130	282.50	
[299] John Graham	32	1010		
Siman Van Antwerp	33	1140	712.50	12.82½
Michael Wymes	37	1400	875	15.75
Sam^{l} J. Borrowe	42, 43	2120		
John S Hunn for G S. Mumford	38, 39, 40, 41, 44, 45, 57, 58	8620	5381.50	131.81
James Heard	47, 48, 49, 50	5920	3700.	66.60
		43,800	22,099.	415.33¾

Lots relinquished

James Walker	No 1	1610
	6	510
	9	1250
	15	910
	59	1010
	5 Lots	$5290

Paid in full

Dove and Masterton	No 3, 5	$2410	Interest 100.86
Henry Masterton	25	810	31.12
Abraham King	Nos 8, 14	1350	131.61¾
J. Jagger by A. Kinder	Nos 18, 19, 29.	2540	96.44½
Kinder & Bakewell	20, 21	1350	135.22¾
Howard Furman	31	1010	59.16
Leonard Bleeker	51	1720	65.30
Charles Kohler	54	1710	64.91¾
	13 Lots	$12900	$684.64¾

	Lots	Principal	Interest paid
Paid in full	13	$12,900	684.64¾
Unsettled	41	21,701	
Paid in part		22,099	415.13¾
		56.700	
Relinquished	5	5290	
Total amount of sale		61.990	

Whereupon the following resolution was proposed by Mr Bogardus "The Board having taken [300] into consideration the sales of the Inclenbergh Lots, Ordered, that lawful interest be allowed to the several purchasers of the said lots on the sums paid by them respectively on their paying to this Board the balances due by them, which interest to be computed from one year after the time of the respective payments. Provided such balances be paid on or before the first day of May next: and also ordered, that the several streets laid down or designated on the map of the said lots be opened without delay: And it is further ordered, that a committee be appointed and report to this Board, what (if any) deduction ought to be made from the quit rents due on the said lots respectively or any of them"

Alderman Bingham moved to amend the resolution by inserting the words "eighteen months" instead of one year, for the time after which interest on the payment was to commence. A division having been called thereon by Alderman Bingham, which was seconded by M^{r} Hardenbrook, it passed in the negative in the manner following

Negative		Affirmative
Alderman Torrey	M^{r} Timpson	Alderman Carpenter
Watkins	Kirby	Dickinson 3^{d}
M^{r} Hawes	Hardenbrook	Bingham
Hoghland	Bogardus 8	M^{r} Jones 4

The question was then taken on the resolution and carried in the affirmative. The same committee, to whom the subject had been before committed were appointed to report respecting the deductions of quit rent as mentioned in the resolution

[301] The Committee on the Fire department presented a report, on the subject of ringing the bells on days of public rejoicing the consideration of which was postponed

His Honour the Mayor was requested to issue his warrant for payment to the Manhattan company of a loan lately made from them which with interest now amounts to $20.030

[302] In Common Council October 8th 1810

Present Jacob Radcliff Esq^{r} Mayor President
Josiah Ogden Hoffman Esq^{r} Recorder

Esq^{rs} Aldermen	Esq^{rs} Assistants
Thomas Carpenter	Samuel Jones Jun^{r}
Charles Dickinson 3^{d}	Peter Hawes
James Roosevelt	Aug^{e} H Lawrence
John Bingham	Rob^{t} Bogardus
Charles Dickinson 7th	W^{m} Hoghland
Joseph Watkins	Thomas Timpson
Nicholas Fish	Edmund Kirby
	W^{m} A. Hardenbrook

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved

Petitions of Mary S. Tricon & Dorcas Hall for stands to sell vegetables in Hudson Market was received & referred to the Market Committee

A petition of Peter Ludlow to have the pump at the corner of Church and Vesey Street removed was received. Whereupon resolved, that the petitioner at his own expense be authorised to remove the pump to such place as shall be directed by the Alderman and assistant of the 3^{d} ward and the Street Commissioner

A petition of Martin Hoffman was received, stating, that he owned in fee a lot of 5 acres adjoining Hamilton Square subject to a quit rent of 4 bushels, wheat per annum and also held a lease lot adjoining thereto, that he was desirous of transferring the quit rent to a part of the lot and also of purchasing the fee of the lease lot. Ordered, that the same be referred to Mr Jones Mr Lawrence Mr Hawes & The Comptroller

[303] Also ordered, that the former committee, to whom were committed the petitions on the subject of commutation for quit rent be discharged and that the same be referred to the said committee

The City Inspector presented drafts of ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances from N° 6054 to N° 6064 which were passed

The City Inspector presented a communication on the subject of certain illegal interments & a draft of an ordinance to remedy the evil complained of. Whereupon ordered, that the same be referred to the Committee on Laws and ordinances.

A petition was received from Elizabeth Morris, praying a grant of a water lot in the 4th ward on the East River, which was referred to the Comptroller.

A petition in behalf of Hugh Johnson a minor to receive a licence as a cartman was received and granted

The Attorney of the Board on the petition of Cornelius Timpson reported against granting the prayer of the petition, which was agreed to

The Attorney of the Board presented the following report in the case of the arbitrators between the Board and William Lawrence

The Attorney of the Board has the honour of inclosing the award in the case of William Lawrance and the Corporation in relation to Dover St The Arbitrators, as will appear by an endorsement on the back of the said award, charge for their services $75; one half part to be paid by the said corporation and the other half by Mr Lawrence. I also inclose you Mr Kent's Bill, which is $6 for the use of the room for the arbitrators to meet in. In order, that there may be no delay, in case the board shall feel disposed to carry said Dover Street through, Mr Lawrance has sent me the amount demanded for the said property. Should the Board not agree to his [304] proposition, they will be pleased to make such further order on the subject, as they shall deem proper All which is submitted

(signed) I. A. Van Hook.

Whereupon ordered, that the report of the arbitrators be filed and that a warrant issue for $40 $^{50}/_{100}$ for payment of the expenses of said arbitration

The ferry committee on the subject of Horn's Hook ferry presented their report, which was agreed to; and it was ordered, that the leasing of said ferry be referred to the ferry committee and the Comptroller, who are to report the same to the Board.

The following persons were appointed firemen, the Chief Engineer certifying the corresponding vacancies

Fire Engine Company N° 12

Benajah Strong cabinet maker N° 2 Cherry St 4th ward v. John Bloodgood gone to sea

N° 28

Nathaniel Rhodes, milkman, Crosby Street 8th Wd v. John Burlin resigned

N° 14

David Fenton cooper N° 194 Duane St 5th ward an additional member

Benjamin Mercer N° 99 Murray Street 5th ward v. George Sinclair resigned

N° 5

James R. Lennox Accountant N° 33 Pearl St } additional
Peter Guion, grocer N° 3 Crane wharf 2d Wd } men

N° 19

Dennis Craft, cartman Grand Street 10th ward v. Thomas Winship resigned

William Doughty carpenter 2d St 10th wd } Additional
Joseph Hyde butcher Bowery Lane 10th wd } men

The Street Commissioner presented a report on the subject of the paving of Washington Street, which was referred to the Committee on Streets and the [305] Street Commissioner, with a request also to examine into the situation of Washington Street above Harrison Street.

The Street Commissioner presented returns of delinquents on the assessment for opening Bridge Street & for paving Spring Street. He stated, that Mr Moran the present collector wished to be discharged from the further collection thereof, Whereupon Noah Jarvis was appointed collector for the residue; & a warrant was directed to issue empowering him to collect the sums still due on said assessment

The ordinance for paving Broome Street from Suffolk to Mangin Streets passed 24th Septr was called up and Ezekiel Bishop, Stephen

Kingsland, Solomon Wheeler, Abraham Hunt & Robert Coles were appointed assessors

The Street Commissioner agreeably to the direction of the Board presented a profile of the present level of Church Street. Whereupon ordered, that it be referred to the Street Commissioner to report such a regulation, as he shall deem proper

The Committee on the fire department reported, that the Engine ordered to be built for N° 31 was in a considerable state of forwardness, that it would be necessary to enlarge the engine house and they recommended, that it be referred to the Superintendant of repairs either to enlarge the present or to erect a new house, as he should judge most advisable, which was agreed to

The Committee, to whom, on the 31st March, last, was referred a petition of the inhabitants of Beekman Slip respecting the enlargement of said slip presented a report, which was referred to the Street Commissioner and comptroller, with directions to report a map or diagram of the premises

On motion of Mr Kirby, Ordered, that the Street [306] Commissioner cause Orange Street to be repaired from Bayard Street to P. Schermerhorn's store

A letter from John Bernard Linich of Silesia dated 22d June 1810, addressed to the Common Council & requesting them to take cognisance of a demand, which he stated to have against Messieurs John Juhel & C° on a commercial transaction was received. Whereupon ordered that the Clerk of the Common Council inform the writer, that the Common Council have no authority by the laws of this country to take cognizance of said transaction

Permission was given to Mr Hardenbrook to occupy a part of Bayard Street with materials for building so as to leave a cartway in the street.

Permission was given to   Clapp to construct a vault in front of his house in   Street, under the direction of the Alderman and assistant of the ward & the Street Commissioner

On the request of the Superintendant of the Alms House, Ordered, that a drain be constructed under the direction of the Superintendant of repairs from the Alms House yard to the main sewer in Chamber Street.

[307] The Comptroller reported cash in the treasury	$34.767.66
Warrants not presented	1931.62
	32.836.44

Whereupon his Honour the Mayor was requested to issue his warrants for payment of the following sums

S. Stilwell St Comr 1 Qr to 5th inst	$375.	
J. Morton City Inspr 1 Qr to 10th inst	312.50	
R. Graves asst St Comr 1 mo to 1st inst	50.	
Wm M. Summers Inspr of bread 1 qr to 9th inst balance	92. 3	
Southwick & Pelsue, printing to 26th Sepr	208.	
Van Beuren & Hasbrook 2 casks powder for 1st brigade infantry 4th July last	36.50	
Joseph Burk for 2 lost fire buckets	4.	
O. Waldron, overseer of roads 1 mo to 1st instant	299.81	
Thomas & George Lovett for 4th street	580.	
Abm Stagg, paving Spring & Pearl Sts	570.	
Anderson & Smyth paving Broome Street	500.	
Thomas Finnigan regulating Bayard St	450.	
Archibald Smith, for filling at Duane Market & earth for the Collect	260.26	
Kelly & Daly paving Mott Street	190.	
James Vincent regulating Chapel St	100.	
		4,028.10
Balance in the treasury		$28,808.34

[308] In Common Council October 15th 1810

Present Jacob Radcliff Esqr Mayor President
Josiah Ogden Hoffman Esqr Recorder

Peter Mesier
Thomas Carpenter
Charles Dickinson 3d
John Bingham
Joseph Watkins
Esqrs Aldermen

Saml Jones junr
Peter Hawes
Auge H. Lawrence
William Hoghland
Isaac S. Douglass
Thomas Timpson
Edmund Kirby
Wm A. Hardenbrook
Robert Bogardus
John Palmer
Esqrs Assistants.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

A resignation from Roger Strong Esqr as one of the Commissioners of the Alms House was received, the consideration of which was postponed until the next meeting of the Board

A petition of John Grice for a stand in the termporary market at the arsenal to sell vegetables was received and referred to the Market Committee, who immediately reported in favour of the petition, which was granted.

A petition of Martin Silvers for stand Nº 18 in Fly Market and of Hannah Van Keuron for a stand in the Otswego market to sell vegetables were received & referred to the Market Comm^{e}

The petition of Thomas Palmer contractor for paving Elizabeth Street, complaining of the delays in the collection of the assessment & praying that another collector might be appointed was read and ordered to lie for consideration

A petition of Barker and Palmer praying payment for regulating &c Wooster & Green Streets [309] was received and referred to the Street Commissioner

A remonstrance from sundry inhabitants complaining of the removal of earth by some individuals from the Street adjoining the house of D^{r} Livingston in Broadway was read and referred to the Street Commissioner

A petition of Joshua Sands for a water lot opposite his ground in Brooklyn between Jay and Pearl Street was received & referred to the Comptroller

A petition from Fire Engine Company Nº 23, praying the addition of 100 feet of leader and an elbow joint in the centre of the suction was received and on motion granted

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Coentie's slip, stating, that by the enlargement of the slip, the pavement of the East side had been much injured and required repavement and requesting that the same might be repaired, was received. Whereupon an ordinance for paving the same was passed and the rule on the subject being dispensed with, Daniel Smith, Garret Storm, John Nitchie jun^{r} Benjamin Stephen & James W Lent were appointed assessors

A petition of sundry inhabitants in the neighbourhood of Peck Slip, praying, that said slip may be filled up was received & referred to the former committee on said subject viz the Aldermen and assistants of the 2^{d} & 4th wards.

A communication from John Stevens stating the terms, on which he would take a lease of Hoboken ferry to be conducted by steam boats was received & referred to the committee on steam boats

A petition from Ebenezer Clark, stating his wish to purchase a small gore of land between Catharine Lane & Elm Street was received & referred [310] *referred* to Alderman Bingham M^{r} Douglass The Comptroller & Street Commissioner

A petition of John Higgins a lessee of the Board of the ground above mentioned, praying in consideration of his house being burnt down at the late fire and other great losses, that the Board would lessen his rent on said premises was also received and referred to the above committee

A petition from Alexander Andrews praying remission of a penalty incurred by putting 14 barrels of flour on board a sloop before they were inspected, stating, that it occurred through mistake. Ordered, that the same be referred to Alderman Mesier, Carpenter & Mr Kirby

A petition of William Dennison praying to be appointed a weigher of hay in place of John Dennison deceased was received & agreed to

A petition of James Masterton was received, stating, that Henry Masterton deceased was the purchaser of certain lots at Inclenbergh, for which he made payment in full; that he understood, that the Board have agreed to allow interest to such of the purchasers as have made payment on their lots. He, therefore, in behalf of himself & the heirs of said Henry Masterton, prayed, that interest might be paid to them on the money paid by them. Ordered to be referred to the Comptroller.

A petition from a number of inhabitants at George's Slip, praying, that the hay scale established there may be removed to some other place was received and referred to the Aldermen and assistants of the 4th & 7th wards.

The following persons were appointed fire- [311] men, the chief engineer certifying corresponding vacancies, viz

Fire Engine Company No 18

John L Embree Mercht, No 438 Pearl St 4th ward v Thomas Daniel resigned

No 31

Joseph Price carpenter corner of Walker & Chapel Streets v. Elijah Briggs resigned.

The Committee on the petition of William J. Waldron & others reported " That, in their opinion, the prayer of the petitioners ought, in part, to be granted, and therefore recommend, that the Comptroller be directed to sell at auction, on or before the 1st of November next to the highest bidder and to be removed by the tenth of next month the house belonging to the Corporation, but now occupied by John M'Cammon without paying any rent, although the Board paid for it on the second of June last, and likewise the kitchen & well of Mr Lispenard and a blacksmith's shop now empty formerly occupied by Mr Tate on Greenwich Street. The object in selling & removing the said building is that Messieurs Lispenard & Stewart may have a cart way to the river to fill in their water grant; and unless the said kitchen be sold and removed, it will be undermined & tumble down, much to the injury of the Board, as it will now bring something considerable

John Bingham
Octr 15th 1810 (signed) Joseph Watkins
Wm Hoghland

Mr Jones moved, that the further consideration of the same be postponed. On the question to agree to the same, a division having been called by Mr Hoghland and seconded, it was carried in the affirmative in the manner following viz

	Affirmative			Negative
Alderman	Mesier	Mr Douglass	Alderman	Dickinson 3d
	Carpenter	Kirby		Bingham
Mr	Jones	Hardenbrook		Watkins
	Hawes	Palmer	Mr	Lawrence
	Bogardus	9		Hoghland
				Timpson 6

Mr Hoghland then moved, that the Comptroller be directed to rent all the houses belonging to the Board situated in Canal Street to be held at the will of the Corporation. Mr Jones moved, that they be rented until the first day of May next. The question having been taken on the first motion, it was lost. The question having then been taken on the amendment and a division being called, it was carried in the affirmative as follows

	Affirmative			Negative
Alderman	Mesier	Mr Lawrence	Alderman	Bingham
	Carpenter	Bogardus		Watkins
	Dickinson 3d	Kirby	Mr	Hoghland
Mr	Jones	Hardenbrook		Douglass
	Hawes	Palmer 10		Timpson 5

The Committee appointed to take into consideration the propriety of filling in Peck Slip to Front Street reported, that the same ought to be done, according to the prayer of the petition & recommended, that immediate measures be taken to carry the same into effect, which report was confirmed and the Street Commissioner [313] directed to take measures to carry the same into effect

The Street Commissioner presented returns of delinquents on the assessments for paving Elizabeth Street from Hester to Prince Street; and on Mulberry Street from Broome to Prince Street. It being understood, that Benjamin C. Stevenson the present collector declined acting any further, the board proceeded to elect a collector in his place, when on counting the ballots, Noah Jarvis was declared elected and warrants were directed to be issued to him for collection of the same

The Street Commissioner presented an assessment for paving part of William & John Streets, which was confirmed & Noah Jarvis appointed collector

The Street Commissioner presented a profile of a regulation for Church Street from Barclay to Vesey Street, which was agreed to and ordered to be filed in the Street Commissioner's office

The Street Committee, to whom was committed the communication of the Street Commissioner, respecting Washington Street reported, that considering the magnitude of the undertaking, it was in the opinion of the committee too late in the season to commence the regulation according to the profile, at the present time, which report was agreed to

On motion resolved, that the Street Commissioner be directed to cause the late resolution of the Common Council for opening the Streets communicating with the lots at Inclenbergh sold by the direction of the Common Council & particularly the street called the Albany Avenue to be carried into effect without delay

The Committee, on the petition of John *Ander-* [314] Anderson reported "that it has not appeared to the committee, but that the overturning of the said block was without the fault of the said John; that although your Committee are of opinion, that the said John is bound by his contract to perform the work, yet from the particular circumstances attending this case, they advise compensation to be made to the said John for the additional block in proportion to its surface above water & recommend that the same be referred to the Comptroller and Street Commissioner to enter into an additional contract with the said John & report the same to this Board

Charles Dickinson
(signed) John Palmer
Rob^{t} Bogardus

which report was agreed to

A resolution was presented directing the Street Commissioner to regulate the intersection of old Greenwich & Charles Street, which was referred to the Street Commissioner

On motion, resolved that the assessment imposed upon Catharine

M'Phie & Mary Castles for the intersection of Pearl & William Streets be remitted on the ground of Charity

On motion, it was referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the Ninth Ward to report on the propriety of fencing in a part of the Corporation ground at the Old Powder House

On motion, Resolved, that the Lamp Committee be directed to report their proceedings to the Board once in every three months

[315] The Comptroller reported Cash in the treasury	$33.816.79
Warrants not presented	1.497.53
	$32.319.26

Whereupon his Honour the Mayor was requested to issue warts for payment of the following sums

Lawrance & Van Wart watch	592.90	
Farrington & White Do	592.90	
Goodheart & Hays Do	755.30	
Francis Lynch Inspr of bread 1 qr	91.80	
Wm Torrey Esqr agent of the State prison, for turnstiles for the Park & Battery &c	91.25	
Saml Walker, posting bills for City Inspector & Street Comr	62.13	
John Willis & others for ½ of arbitration fees in case of Wm Lawrance	40.50	
James Richardson, cleaning wells	47.56	
Gerard Walton Interest on 2 bonds	1120.	
Jas J. Myers overseer of roads 2 months to 1st inst	588.47	
John Anderson 2d payt for Charlotte Slip & Partition Street	2781.25	
Abm Stagg paving Delancey St	520.	
Thomas & George Lovett on 4th St	440.	
Kelly & Daley on Walker & Mott Sts	420.	
Jas Vincent regulating Chapel St	270.	
Thomas Clark, Greenwich Road	200.	
Benjn Romaine & others for asst on Walker Street	75.	
Adolphus Loss, surveying Greenwich St	39.90	
Wm Torrey, chairman of Lamp Comme	2000.	
Richd Furman Supt of Alms house	3000.	
John H Sickles for New City Hall	2000.	
		15.728.96

Balance in treasury $16590.30

[316] In Common Council October 22d 1810

Present Jacob Radcliff Esqr Mayor, President
Josiah Ogden Hoffman Esqr Recorder

Peter Mesier Thomas Carpenter Charles Dickinson 3d John Bingham William Torrey Charles Dickinson 7th Joseph Watkins Mangle Minthorne	Esqrs Aldermen	Saml Jones junr Peter Hawes Auge H. Lawrence William Hoghland Thomas Timpson Edmund Kirby Wm A. Hardenbrook Robt Bogardus	Esqs Assistants

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

Petitions were received from William Tilton, Ebenezer Baptist & William Clapp praying permission to sink vaults in front of their buildings in Vandewater Street & to be permitted to stop the street, while they are constructing the same. Ordered, that leave be granted to construct the said vaults, and that they be permitted to stop the street for one week.

A petition was received from Samuel Kellogg, stating, that a public well had been sunk upon the rear of his lot on Chesnut Street & praying, that the same may be filled up, which was agreed to, and the Superintendant of repairs directed to cause it to be done.

A petition of Rodman Bowne for an extension of his lease for Catharine Street ferry was received and referred to the ferry committee

A memorial of Dr David Hosack was received, stating, that an appraisement having been made, agreeably to a late act of the legislature, of the Botanic garden for the purchase of the same for and on attorney, he had represented, that in the deed from the Corporation for those grounds, certain reservations had been made for the purpose of streets, by which reservation in the opinion of the said attorney the memorialist could not make out a perfect title for those grounds to the state. As, therefore, this purchase on the behalf of the state was made for valuable public purposes, the memorialist solicited the board to make a grant to him of these reservations to enable him to make a perfect title to the state, Ordered, that the same be referred to Mr Hawes Alderman Carpenter [&] Mr Hoghland

A petition from sundry inhabitants praying for the paving of Walker Street from Broadway to Church Street was received & granted. An ordinance for carrying the same into effect was passed and the usual rule being dispensed with, Thomas J. Campbell, Benjamin Romaine, Samuel Delamater, Lemuel Skidmore, & Frederick Eckhart were appointed assessors

The Street Commissioner presented a return of delinquents on the assessment for widening Banker Street. Whereupon ordered, that a warrant issue to William Wilmerding the Collector for collection of the same, if not paid in eight days from this day

The Committee, to whom was referred the petition of Jannet Montgomery & Benjamin F. Haskins, respecting the filling in of part of Stanton Street & praying to be discharged from the assessment reported, as their opinion, that however the said petitioners may have suffered by the heavy rains, that have fallen the last summer, yet the expences, for which the assessment was [318] made, was intended for the good of their property, and ought not to be paid by this Board

(signed) Samuel Stilwell S^{t} Com^{r}
Mangle Minthorne

Which report was agreed to

The Street Commissioner presented a return of delinquents on the assessment for filling Stanton Street, between Ridge & Pitt Streets. Whereupon ordered, that, if the monies due on the said assessment be not paid, within eight days, that a warrant issue to the Collector for collection of the same, and that he give notice thereof to the defaulters

The Street Commissioner in obedience to the order of the Board reported a map of Beekman Slip & its vicinity, which was ordered to be filed in his office

The Street Commissioner presented an ordinance for regulating Charles Street from New Greenwich Street to the State Prison Wall, which was passed, and the rule having been dispensed with John P. Ritter, George Clelan, Asa Holden, Ebenezer Clark and Christian Trippler were appointed assessors.

The Street Commissioner presented returns of delinquents on the assessment for regulating Green Street from Prince to Bleeker Street and for regulating Elm Street from Grand to Broome Streets; And as Edward Moran the former collector declined further acting, he recommended, that warrants issue to Noah Jarvis to collect the same. Wherefore ordered, that if the sums due are not paid in 8 days, that warrants issue to Noah Jarvis to collect the same

The Street Commissioner presented a return of delinquency by Ann Vandenburgh upon an *assess-* [319] assessment for paving Varick

Street from North Moore to Provost Street. Whereupon ordered, that said Ann have time to pay said assessment until the first day of May next, on condition, that she pay up a former assessment upon her by the first day of November next.

The Committee, on the petition of Alexander Andrews reported, "that on enquiry they find the flour was allowed in the hold of the Sloop Mary without being inspected and with a view of being thus shipped, and that the Inspector was correct in seizing the same: but notwithstanding we are induced to believe no intention to violate the law existed in any one concerned. It was sent to the vessel with directions to have it inspected. On its arrival there and no inspector at hand, it was (after standing on the deck some time and to shelter it from the rain then falling and without any improper intention) put by the hands of the vessel under hatches and we believe stowed away

The proprietor Alexander Andrews appears to have acted throughout with perfect good faith. He is poor and in this transaction has been very unfortunate. We, therefore, recommend, that the Corporation's proportion of said seizure be remitted, and that an order to return the same be given accordingly signed

Peter Mesier
Thomas Carpenter.
Edmund Kirby

which report was agreed to

The following persons were appointed firemen, the Chief Engineer certifying corresponding vacancies

Fire Engine Company N° 36

Gilbert Hatfield Cartman Sullivan S^t^ 8th ward v Lotion Quick deceased

Sam^l^ Helmes carpenter Varick S^t^ 8th W^d^ v. Rich^d^ Washburn resigned

[320] The City Inspector presented drafts of ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances from N° 6065 to N° 6080, which were passed

The Committee, on the petitions of John Jackson & Gilbert Van Mater presented a report, which was agreed to, and the Street Commissioner was directed at the time of sale, to insure payment to be made to M^r^ Jackson for improvements made by him in a wharf on the premises. The report* was as follows

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* Marginal note reads *For report See page ensuing.*—ED.

On motion, resolved, that the Superintendant of repairs, at the time of his repairing the wharf at the outlet of Canal Street be directed to cause piles to be driven sufficient to protect the North part of the basin from the ice.

A resolution proposed by Alderman Watkins respecting the side walks on the East side of Greenwich Street was referred to the Street Commissioner

It having been represented to the Board, that some persons under the direction of the Corporation of Trinity Church had run a fence across Greenwich Street near Christopher Street. Ordered, that the Superintendant of repairs take measures immediately to remove the same

On motion, resolved, that the Street Commissioner be directed to order Morton Street from Washington Street to the Eastern Boundary of the Church ground to be turnpiked and one of the walks levelled convenient for foot passengers at the expence of the proprietors

An account of Nehemiah Allen for superintending the sinking of piers in South Street from Fly Market to Burling Slip, which had been referred to the Committee on wharves, piers & slips, which was now returned with some documents furnished by s^{d} Allen & was directed to be referred to the Comptroller

[321] Ordered, that the Superintendant of repairs remove the Engine house in Roosevelt Street to the new slip

Ordered, that the Superintendant of repairs remove the earth from below the Engine House of the floating engine, so that it may be afloat at all times of the tide & that Waters Furman furnish him with the Mud Scow

Ordered, that the Street Commissioner be directed to open & keep in a distinct & separate book the transactions respecting Canal Street

*The Committee, to whom was referred the subject of the lots at Brooklyn reported maps of the said lots and beg leave to recommend, that grants on the said conditions be made to John Jackson & Gabriel Van Mater, in front of their upland between Water Street and low water mark, running at right angles with Water Street and, that six lots of 25 feet each on the North side of said Water Street West of the land to be granted to the said Gabriel Van Mater be sold and that the Comptroller be requested to advertise the same in the papers em

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* Marginal note reads *This report ought to have been inserted in the preceding page.*—Ed.

ployed by this Board and at Brooklyn and in fifty hand bills for the space of ten days and that the said sale be made at Brooklyn

Thomas Carpenter
Peter Hawes
(signed) Charles Dickinson
William Hoghland
Samuel Stilwell S^{t} Com^{r}

which report was agreed to and the Street Commissioner was directed, to ensure payment to be made to M^{r} Jackson for improvements made by him on a wharf on the premises.

[322] The Comptroller reported Cash in the treasury	$22,233. 4
Warrants not presented	1037.75
	21,195.29

Whereupon his Honour the Mayor was requested to issue his warrants for payment of the following sums

P. Burtsell, stationary &c	$71.13	
John Bogart, carriage hire	55.	
B. Demilt, winding clocks	50.	
Public Advertiser, 1 Quarter	18.75	
O'Niel & Lee, sinking & repairing wells	121.96	
Anderson & Smyth paving Broome S^{t}	900.	
Moran & Terney " Crosby Street	350.	
Abraham Stagg " Pearl Street	300.	
Abraham Potts, regulating Green Street	270.	
E. Bishop & other Assessors on ten Streets	265.	
Kane & Daly paving Spring S^{t}	270.	
S. Ludlum & John M. Cooper for surveying	244.21	
W^{m} Bridges, surveying & maps	184.75	
Thomas Clark, regulating Greenwich Street	129.	
J. Nitchie Jun^{r} & assessors on South Street	50.	
John H Sickles for New City Hall	3000.	
Chas^{s} Dickinson treasurer of the Board of Health	800.	
		7079.80
	Balance in treasury	$14,115.41

[323] In Common Council October 29th 1810

Present Jacob Radcliff Esquire Mayor President
Josiah Ogden Hoffman Esquire Recorder

Peter Mesier Thomas Carpenter James Roosevelt John Bingham William Torrey Charles Dickinson Joseph Watkins Nicholas Fish Mangle Minthorne	Esqrs Aldermen	Saml Jones Junr Peter Hawes Auge H. Lawrence Wm Hoghland Thomas Timpson Edmund Kirby John Palmer Robert Bogardus Wm A. Hardenbrook.	Esqrs Assistants

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

An account of Amos Corning for surveying was read and passed and the Street Commissioner was directed to report the items of that account and to explain the same

A petition of Christian Brown was received stating, that in front of his house at No 194 Greenwich Street was a cistern, which had become decayed and he prayed to have liberty to renew it. Ordered, that it be referred to the Alderman and assistant of the 3d ward, with authority to grant the prayer of the petition, if, in their opinion, proper

A petition of Lemuel Wells, praying a further extension upon an ordinance directing him to fill in certain lots fronting Hudson Square between Hubert & Laight Streets, which was granted to the 1st May next.

A petition of William Tilton praying further time for erecting a vault was received and extended for one week

A petition of Richard Berrian, praying, that [324] that the corporation would lease to him a lot of ground on the South side of Magazine Street was received and referred to the Comptroller

A petition from the lamplighters praying an increase of their wages was referred to the Lamp Committee

A petition of sundry inhabitants, praying, that Sullivan Street may be regulated without curb stone or pavement from Bleeker to Broome Streets was referred to the Street Commissioner

A petition of John N. Grentzeback, praying an extension of a lease of a lot of land held by him near Kissing Bridge was referred to the Comptroller

A petition of sundry inhabitants, praying, that Dover Street may be opened and regulated from Water Street to Front Street was received. Whereupon, resolved, that said street be opened and that it be referred to the Street Commissioner and Attorney of the Board to treat with the proprietors of the ground and report thereon to the Board.

A petition of sundry brass founders & plummers complaining of certain persons, who forestall old copper, pewter, and lead and praying, the interference of the board was received & referred to M^r^ Jones M^r^ Lawrence & Ald^n^ Dickinson 7^th^

A petition of William Robinson praying extension of time for payment on an assessment for widening Banker Street till the first of May next was received and granted

A petition from the Building Committee of Tammany Hall was received, stating, that they had purchased the South Corner of Frankfort and Nassau Streets, whereon they proposed [325] to erect a building for the purposes of the institution and they prayed permission to use the triangular spot of ground formerly occupied by the Kine Pock Establishment to deposit materials for the building. Whereupon ordered, that permission be given under the direction of the following committee viz Alderman Bingham M^r^ Hoghland & The Street Commissioner

The Street Commissioner, on the petition of the inhabitants of Thompson Street reported, that the petitioners solicited the priviledge of filling said street, according to the regulations thereof under the direction of a surveyor, which, in his opinion, ought to be granted; which report was agreed to

The Street Commissioner presented a report on the petition of Barker & Palmer, which was referred back to him, for his opinion upon the facts reported

The Street Commissioner presented a report on the subject of the Albany Avenue, which was referred back to him with directions to report the situation of the assessment upon said avenue, which had been referred back to the assessors

The Street Commissioner reported, that Benjamin C. Stevens appointed an assessor for the East side of Coentie's Slip was disqualified to serve, being interested. Whereupon Isaac Sebring was appointed in his place

The Street Commissioner presented returns of delinquents upon the assessment for side walks in Greenwich Street, from Charlotte to Christopher Street. Whereupon ordered, that warrants issue to the Collector for collection of the same

The Street Commissioner laid before the Board a letter to him directed, from John Jackson *propos-* [326] proposing terms for building wharves at Brooklyn, which was ordered to lie on the table.

The Street Commissioner presented an ordinance for regulating Morton Street from Washington Street to the Eastern Boundary of Trinity Church ground, which was passed and the rule being dispensed with, John P. Ritter, George Clelan, Asa Holden, Ebenezer Clark & Christian Tripler were appointed assessors

The Street Commissioner & Comptroller presented a communication on the subject of John Anderson's contract, respecting the pier at Duane Basin, which was referred back to them with directions to investigate the subject and report what, in their opinion should be done in the premises

The Street Commissioner and the Comptroller, on the petition of James Scott reported, that agreeably to a resolution of the Board on the 1^st^ instant, directing them to treat with James Scott, respecting the exchange of two lots of the Common Lands, proposed by him, and to report the same to the Board.

They have been on the premises & carefully attended to the relative value of the lots, & from the best observation, they have been able to make, are of opinion, that the Lease lot N° 138 is preferable in point of situation for building & also contains more high ground than the other. Whenever the streets are laid out through this property and it is subdivided into building lots, the Lot in fee will require filling in, and consequently will be more expensive in improvement than the Lease lot.

From the best judgment the subscribers are able to form, they are induced to think, that if M^r^ Scott will pay the sum of two hundred dollars for the exchange, the corporation might accede to the transfer

(signed) Samuel Stilwell S^t^ Com^r^
G. N. Bleeker Compt^r^

[327] Which report was agreed to

The Comptroller, agreeably to order, reported on the subject of disposing of the houses in Canal Street, *presented a report*, the consideration whereof was moved to be postponed. On the question of agreeing to the same, a division having been called, it was carried in the affirmative as follows.

Affirmative

M^{r} Recorder
Alderman Mesier
Carpenter
Roosevelt
Torrey
Dickinson 7th
Watkins
Fish
M^{r} Jones
Hawes
Bogardus
Kirby
Hardenbrook
Palmer 14

Negative

Alderman Bingham
Minthorne
M^{r} Lawrence
Hoghland
Timpson 5

The ferry committee, to whom was referred the subject of leasing Horn's Hook was referred, reported, that they have had an interview with Richard Smith the person, who formerly kept that ferry, who proposes taking said ferry again, provided he can obtain a lease for six years, at the rate of $125 per year. The Corporation to put the well and ferry stairs in good repair, when he enters upon the premises. After which the lessee to make all repairs necessary, at his own expence, during the terms of his lease.

The Committee would have been pleased, to have had it in their power to have reported a larger sum; but as it cannot be made a source of much revenue at present

The accommodation of the public is the great [328] object, at which the Committee has aimed, and as the attention of M^{r} Smith, when formerly lessee was such as to gain the entire approbation of the public and we trust will be again, the committee are decidedly of opinion, that a lease ought to be given to the said Smith for six years, commencing on the 1st day of May 1811 and that the Comptroller be directed to execute the same, with the usual conditions & provisions

The Committee would further observe, that it will be necessary for the Clerk to send a written notice, on or before the first day of November next ensuing to the present Lessee, informing him, that he must leave the ferry at the expiration of his term. All of which is respectfully submitted

Thomas Carpenter
(signed) William Hoghland
Peter Hawes

On motion, the following resolution was agreed to

Whereas Charles Dickinson some time since paid to Thomas Duggan the amount of two bonds made by this board to him, and thereupon received an assignment of the same. And whereas the said Charles has requested, that he may annul the said bonds and receive one payable to him, including both sums payable at the same time, that the former would become due. Therefore resolved, that such bond be executed to the said Charles Dickinson, on cancelling the said former bond.

On motion, resolved, that the Common Council having received information, that Mr Hawxhurst has lately erected on the lot of ground fronting on Pearl Street, next to and adjoining the lot of Joseph Anastasi, a chimney not according to the law & which is deemed dangerous to the adjoining building. Therefore resolved, that the fire wardens of the Fourth ward [329] without delay, cause the said chimney to be examined and in case the same be as represented; take legal measures to have the cause of the complaint corrected & report what they shall do in the premises at the next meeting of the Board

Mr Hoghland presented a resolution, directing John M'Cammon to remove from the house in Broad Way and for the Board to accept if an offer of $200 for said house [be] made by him this evening, at the request of sundry persons. Ordered, that the same lie on the table

On motion, resolved, that the Comptroller be directed to let out the buildings belonging to the Corporation in Canal Street to the 1st day of May next for the best price, that he can get.

[330] The Comptroller reported cash in the treasury	$20,519.34
Warrants not presented	1927.50
	18.591.84

Whereupon his Honour the Mayor was requested to issue his warrants for payment of the following sums

Lawrance & Van Wart Watch	592.90
Farrington & White Do	592.90
Goodheart & Hays Do	755.30
William Osborn, spikes &c for Coenties slip	100.22
John Leveridge & N. Eisenheart 32 Sundays in 7th ward	96.
Leonard Fisher and other inspectors of Election April last 4th ward	24.
M. Dikeman repairing pumps in 10th ward	73.12
Kelly & Daly, paving Mott Street	350.
Moran & Kerney " Crosby Street	320.
John M'Comb " William Street	280.
Anderson & Smyth " Broome St	250.
Thomas Palmer " Elizabeth St	100.
Gilbert Dean, " Grand & Essex Streets	65.82

A. Corning surveying & maps	324.61
Jacob P. Roome, Superintendant of repairs to pay workmen &c	250.
Richard Furman Superintendant of the Alms House	3000.
	7174.87
Balance in treasury	11.416.97

[331] In Common Council November 5th 1810

Present Jacob Radcliff Esq^{r} Mayor President
Josiah Ogden Hoffman Esq^{r} Recorder

Peter Mesier Thomas Carpenter Charles Dickinson 3d James Roosevelt John Bingham William Torrey Charles Dickinson 7th Joseph Watkins Mangle Minthorne	Esq^{rs} Aldermen	Samuel Jones Junior Peter Hawes Aug^{e} H. Lawrence Robert Bogardus William Hoghland Thomas Timpson Edmund Kirby William A. Hardenbrook John Palmer	Esq^{rs} Assistants

The minutes of the last meeing were read and approved

The Street Commissioner, in obedience to the order of the board, presented a report, explaining the account of Amos Corning, which was ordered to be filed

A communication of John Stevens on the subject of the steam boats was received and referred to the Committee on that subject.

A petition was received from sundry owners of lots praying, that Beach and Walker Streets might be regulated from Chapel to Varrick Street, which was referred to the Street Commissioner, who immediately reported an ordinance for carrying the same into effect, agreeably to the prayer of the petitioners, which was passed & the rule having been dispensed with, Benjamin Romaine, Lemuel Skidmore, Samuel Delamater, Frederick Eckhart and James Davidson were appointed assessors.

The fire wardens of the Fourth ward, on the petition of Joseph Anastasi presented a report, which was ordered to lie for further consideration

A petition of sundry inhabitants of Pearl & Oak streets, complaining of assemblages of boys &c at times of falls of snow, who created great disturbance in the *neigh-* [332] neighbourhood was received and a motion having been made to refer the same to the attorney of the Board to report an ordinance thereon and a division having been called, it passed in the negative in the manner following

Negative			Affirmative	
Alderman Dickinson 3d	Mr Jones		Alderman Carpenter	
Mesier	Lawrence		Watkins	
Bingham	Hoghland		Mr Hawes	
Roosevelt	Hardenbrook		Bogardus	
Torrey	Palmer		Timpson	
Minthorne		11	Kirby	6

It was then moved and carried, that it be referred to the Alderman and assistant of the 2d ward.

An application of Benjamin Smith to hire the house now occupied by him at Brooklyn near the old ferry, after the expiration of his present term, was received and referred to the Comptroller and the ferry committee

Two petitions praying, that Columbia Street may be opened were received & referred to the Street Commissioner

A petition was received, praying that Stewart Street might be opened agreeably to the plan made by the Corporation, which was referred to the Street Commissioner with directions to report the time, when said street was ceded and accepted.

A petition of Michael Hogan for grant of Water Lot, on Washington Street was received & referred to the Comptroller & the Street Commissioner was directed to report what orders had been made respecting the line of West Street

A petition for a well in William Street between Duane & Frankfort Streets was received and granted upon the usual terms under the direction of [333] the Alderman and Assistant of the ward and the Street Commissioner

A petition from Patience Bonnett for permission to transfer her own and *his* [her] Son's lease of lots holden under the Corporation to John Connor and Hugh Houston was received and referred to the Comptroller

A petition of Messieurs Labouisse & Co complaining of John Marschalk one of the City weighers as ignorant or inattentive to his duty was received & referred to Alderman Mesier Mr Lawrance Mr Hawes

The Street Commissioner, on the petition of Barker and Palmer having reported that a balance of \$65 $^{54}/_{100}$ for regulating Wooster Street from Spring 250 feet towards Prince Street and another balance of \$83 $^{14}/_{100}$ for regulating Green Street from Spring to Prince

Streets had been returned by the Collectors, as due on vacant lots, the owners of which had not been found, now further reported, that, in his opinion, the balance as above stated ought to be paid out of the treasury and the lots be advertised for sale to refund the money, which report was agreed to and a warrant was directed to be reported for payment of the same. The Street Commissioner was also directed to take legal measures for selling the lots for reimbursing payment of the monies advanced on them

The following person was appointed fireman, the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancy

Engine Company N° 14

John Haight, merchant 218 Broadway 3d ward vice Simeon V. Brower deceased

The Street Commissioner and Comptroller in the case of John Anderson reported, in conformity to the order of the Board, after further investigation, that Mr Anderson now offers to compleat the 4 blocks and bridges of the pier in Duane Basin, & [334] *and* drive piles around the one removed from its basis, to prevent damage being done to vessels, and let it remain in that situation until Spring (as the season for building docks is so far advanced) provided he can be paid for the 4 blocks and bridges in proportion, as that part of the work bears to the whole of the pier first contracted for (and the prices)

This proposition your Committee think reasonable, and are of opinion it ought to be acceded to, which is respectfully submitted

(signed) Samuel Stilwell St Comr
G. N. Bleeker Comptr

which report was agreed to and the Street Commissioner & Comptroller were directed to carry the same into effect.

On motion the resignation of Roger Strong, as one of the Commissioners of the Alms House was accepted & John Morss was appointed in his stead.

On motion, resolved, that the sale of the water lots at Brooklyn be postponed until further orders. Resolved also, that the Street Commissioner treat with Mr Jackson respecting his improvements upon one of the lots; that he also investigate the title of the same and report to the Board.

On motion resolved, that the following be a committee to make the necessary & usual arrangements for the celebration of the anniversary of the 25th of November

The Board proceeded to make the appointment of persons to act as inspectors of the next Charter election to be holden on the 20th day of November instant, when the following persons were duly elected and the following places designated for the polls to be holden at in the several wards of the city

[335] 1st ward

John Nitchie Junr James Heard Peter H. Schenck	Poll to be held at the City Hall

2d ward

George Griswold Augustus Wright Joseph Riley	Poll to be held at Samuel F Randolphs Inn No 77 Fair Street

3d ward

John Bogart Samuel Boyd Thomas W. Gilbert	Poll to be held at Smith's tavern in Courtland Street

4th ward

Peter M'Cartee John Higbee Eldad Holmes	Poll to be held at Harmony Hall kept by Samuel [Clark]

5th ward

Ezra Weeks Cornelius Crygier Gideon Tucker	Poll to be held at John Hatfields corner of Church & Leonard Streets

6th ward

Stephen Price Alexander Clark Bernard Kennedy	Poll to be held at Crawfords hotel No 14 Mott Street

7th ward

Robert M'Dermutt William Weeks Charles Devoe	Poll to be held at Smith Place's tavern in Cherry Street

8th ward

Josiah Sturges James Gillender Arthur Burtis	Poll to be held at William Stratton's in Broadway

9th ward

Samuel Kip Valantine Nutter James Striker	Poll to be held at the house of John N. Grantzeback

[336] 10th ward

Thomas Ustick John Boscawen Wm Peterson	Poll to be held, at the house of Stephen Rudd in Fourth St occupied by him & Zebulon Smith

The Comptroller reported cash in the treasy		$15,721.66
Warrants not presented		574.72
		15.146.94

Whereupon his Honour the Mayor was requested to issue his warrants for payment of the following sums

Jas Hardie Asst City Inspr 1 mo to 1st inst	62.50	
Andw Otterson Do Do	54.	
Mott Hicks Asst Street Comr Do Do	54.	
Adrian B. Holmes Do Do	54.	
Wm P. Roome keeper of Pottersfield 1 Do Do	31.	
Jas A. Blacklidge & Abm A. Hart overseers of convicts from 14th Septr to 3d Novr 1810	178.50	
Danl Nash & Jas Crooker, Sunday services 4th ward	108.	
Amos Rooke keeper of signal poles 1 quarter to 1st instant	82.50	
Oliver Waldron, overseer of roads 1 mo to 1st instant	290. 5	
Nehemiah Allen, superintending the sinking of blocks from Fly Market Slip to Burling Slip	100.	
John H Sickles treasurer of New City Hall	2000.	
Abraham Potts on acct for Green St	500.	
Anderson & Smyth on acct of Broome St	200.	
Charles Mooney on acct of Provost Street	80.	
Kelly & Daly for paving Mott Street on acct	100.	
Abm Stagg regulating & paving Spring St &c	1000.	
Charles Loss, surveying streets round Hudson square	78.	
Thomas Brown 2 years salary as chief engineer	1000.	
William Torrey chairman of Lamp Comme	2500.	
Thomas Palmer on acct for Elizabeth St	300.	
		8872.55
	Balance in the treasury	6274.39

[337] In Common Council November 12th 1810

Present Jacob Radcliff Esqr Mayor, President

Peter Mesier Thomas Carpenter Chas Dickinson 3d John Bingham William Torrey Joseph Watkins Mangle Minthorne	Esqrs Aldermen	Peter Hawes Auge H. Lawrence Robert Bogardus Wm Hoghland Isaac S. Douglass Thomas Timpson Edmund Kirby Wm A. Hardenbrook Samuel Jones junr	Esqs Assistants

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

It was ordered, that the direction as to the place for holding the poll of the Tenth ward, at the ensuing Charter Election be altered, so as to be at the house of Stephen Rudd, occupied by Stephen Rudd & Zebulon Smith in Tenth Street

A petition of Zebulon Smith to receive a licence to keep a tavern from now till the 1st of May next paying for the said licence, in proportion for the time, which it is to be kept. On motion for granting the prayer of said petition, a division having been called, it was carried in the affirmative as follows

Affirmative		Negative	
Ald^{n} Mesier	M^{r} Hawes	Alderman Bingham	
Carpenter	Lawrence	Minthorne	
Dickinson 3^{d}	Bogardus	M^{r} Hoghland	
Torrey	Douglass	Timpson	
Watkins	Hardenbrook 10	Kirby	5

[338] A petition for regulating Thompson Street from Spring Street was received & referred to the S^{t} Commissioner

A petition of William Kane was received praying relief and referred to the Commissioners of the Alms House

A petition of Mathew Buchanan to receive a butcher's license & to have a stand at the temporary market near the arsenal was received & granted

Petitions of George Gosman and J. Houston complaining of Benjamin C. Stevenson Collector of the assessment on Spring Street was received & referred to the Street Commissioner

A petition of Samuel Boyd & others, stating, that they were about erecting a church on the North East side of Murray Street, between Church and Chapel Streets, praying pe[r]mission to use that part of the ground lately thrown into Murray Street, for the purpose of erecting thereon a lime-house was received and granted under the direction of the Alderman & Assistant of the Third Ward and the Street Commissioner

A petition of Andrew Tinkey was received, stating, that having been appointed collector on the assessment for turnpiking Greenwich Street, on which some money remained to be collected for the collecting of which a warrant was directed to issue to him, he would beg leave to request, that the warrant might issue to Andrew Blakely for the collection of the same. Whereupon ordered, that a warrant issue to Andrew Blakely for the sums due on said assessment

A representation having been made, that the pier forming the East side of Peck Slip needed immediate repairs, it was resolved, that it be referred to the Committee on wharves, piers & slips with authority in conjunction with the other proprietors of [339] *of* the pier to make the necessary repairs

It was also ordered, that the public piers on the North Side of the City be examined by the Superintendant of Repairs & that whenever repairs shall be necessary, that he cause the same to be made

A petition from sundry inhabitants praying for additional lamps in Carlisle Street was received and referred to the Lamp Committee

A petition was received from Susannah Shourt, requesting relief in case of an assessment upon a lot in her possession in Lispenard Street. Whereupon resolved, that time be given to the petitioner to the 1st day of May next to pay the said assessment.

The following report was received from the building committee

" The building committee hereby acquaint the Board, that the copper ordered by them for covering the New City Hall is arrived, invoice of the same amounting to £2425 : 13 : 9 Sterling, payment to be made in a bill of exchange, at 60 days sight. The Committee feels gratified, that this expence comes considerably short of the contemplated costs, being not more than about $10.500

The season being so far advanced, the committee propose leaving the building with a good shingle covering to secure it from the weather this winter and lay the Copper on in the spring. The Committee is happy to find, that after giving directions to the architect, to go on, in finishing off a Common Council room, a room for the Mayor's office, clerk's office and the comptroller's office, which are all progressing, the amount of monies received does not materially exceed the sum of $50,000 appropriated to put the new City Hall under cover with copper

Charles Dickinson
(signed) John Bingham
Isaac S. Douglass
Thomas Timpson

[340] Whereupon resolved, that the finance committee and the comptroller be directed to make a loan for payment of the copper and that they purchase bills of exchange for payment of the same

The Comptroller presented a deed to the devisees of Anthony Lispenard for a Water grant at the foot of Canal Street, which having been examined by the recorder, was ordered to pass

It was also referred to the Alderman and assistant of the ward to consider and report upon the propriety of removing the sheds erected on the North side of Spring Street Basin

The Lamp Committee presented the following report

The Lamp Committee to whom was referred the petition of the City Lamp lighters, praying an increase of wages respectfully report,

" That the facts set forth in said petition are not strictly correct, inasmuch as the present regulation does not reduce their pay as therein expressed

The truth is, that under a former regulation, it was required, to light twenty two nights in each moon for one shilling and ten pence, being one penny per lamp per night; but by a neglect somewhere, it so happened, that the lamps were often lit but twenty and sometimes nineteen nights for the one and ten pence

The Committee, however, considering the distance in the Out district from lamp to lamp are of opinion, that the 355 lamps now lit by four lamp lighters, ought to have an additional man & one penny farthing allowed each, which will be about equal to those, who light in the more compact parts of the City "

(signed) William Torrey, chairman
Thomas Carpenter

[341] which report was agreed to

The Lamp Committee presented an account, which was directed to be filed.

A report was received from Isaac Keeler Collector, stating that on the warrant for collecting arrears of assessment on Stanton Street, the sum due by Jannet Montgomery was unpaid. Whereupon ordered, that the Street Commissioner write to M^{rs} Montgomery on the subject

The Committee on Carmen's licences reported in favour of granting a licence to John Medlar Junior, which was agreed to

The City Inspector reported ordinances for correcting sundry nuisances from N° 6081 to N° 6095, which were passed.

The City Inspector, reported, that the persons appointed to make a census of the inhabitants of this city had made returns, which were now in his office. Ordered, that those returns be referred to the former committee on that subject & that they be also requested to report what compensation should be made to the persons, who have made the census. The Committee are M^{r} Jones, Hawes [&] Bogardus

The Chief Engineer represented to the Board the propriety of constructing cisterns at the New City Hall, which was referred to the building committee

The following persons were appointed firemen, the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies

Floating Engine

John Mills, boat builder Bedlow Street 7th ward v Dennis H. Doyle resigned

[342] Joseph Van Norden Boat builder, Jews Alley 4th ward v. Thomas Harding resigned

Fire Engine Company N° 1

Abraham Bogart, mason, 125 Reed Street 5th ward v. Isaac M'Comb deceased

John Gafford Cartman, Vestry Street 5th ward v. Aaron Westervelt resigned

Richard Skinner, carepenter 16 Warren Street v. Samuel Hone resigned

N° 2

David Durand cabinet maker N° 30 Fair Street v. Amos Underhill resigned

N° 7

Benjamin M. Birdsall, morocco dresser N° 5 Vandewater St 4th ward v. P. M'Cartee resigned

Stephen Barker morocco manufacturer N° 2 Ferry Street 2d ward v. Samuel Hone resigned

N° 27

Nathan Henderson painter Chapel St 5th ward v. Robert P. Bill resigned.

The Street Commissioner presented the following on the petition for opening Stewart Street

" The Street Commissioner, to whom was referred the petition for opening Stewart Street with instructions to report the time, when the Street was accepted as a street has the honour to report.

That he has made diligent search & can find no time, when it was accepted and furthermore he has applied to Mr Stewart to know if the Street was ever ceded, and received for answer, that it was not.

The Street Commissioner is, therefore, of opinion, that your honourable Board ought *ought* not to make any order on this subject as it might interfere with the general arrange- [343] ments made, making or to be made, by the Commissioners for laying out the island

(signed) Saml Stilwell St Comr

which report was agreed to.

The Street Commissioner on the petition of Michael Hogan reported, "that according to a map made by M^r^ Mangin and dated 1804, the permanent line at Marketfield Street is fixed at 358 feet from Greenwich Street, and as the surveys and reports subsequent to that time refer to that map and as Westminster Hall is now standing at the Easterly line of West Street at Courtlandt Slip, the Street Commissioner can see no reason to delay the grant to M^r^ Hoggan on account of the line of West Street, as there can be no difficulty in running that line. He is, therefore of opinion, that the prayer of the petition in substance ought to be granted."

(signed) Samuel Stilwell S^t^ Com^r^

which report was agreed to, and the Comptroller was directed to make out a grant to M^r^ Hogan agreeably thereto

The Street Commissioner presented a report of delinquents on the assessment for paving Crosby Street, Whereupon ordered, that a warrant issue to the Collector for collecting the same.

The Street Commissioner, to whom the subject of the lots at Brooklyn was referred, presented a report, which was ordered to be referred to the Ferry Committee and the Street Commissioner further to examine & report thereon.

The Committee, to whom was referred the Steam ferry boats presented a report, which was referred back to the same committee with directions further to confer & report.

A letter was received from John Nitchie Junior praying leave to resign the appointment [344] of inspector of the ensuing election for the 1^st^ ward on account of illness in his family, which on motion was accepted and John Anthon was appointed inspector in his place

A letter was also received from Josiah Sturges, resigning the appointment of inspector of the 8^th^ ward, in consequence of his being [obliged] to remove from the ward previous to the day of election; which was accepted and William H. Robinson was appointed in his place

Resignations were also received from George Griswold, inspector of the 2^d^ ward, Sam^l^ Boyd & Thomas W. Gilbert of the 3^d^ ward, Alexander Clark of the 6^th^ ward, and Samuel Kip of the 9^th^ ward. On motion to accept the same, they severally passed in the negative

On motion, the committee on assessment were authorised to employ Noah Jarvis to collect the monies due on assessments upon Streets and to allow upon the sums collected such commission as they shall judge reasonable not exceeding in any case 10 per cent.

[345] The Comptroller reported Cash in the treasury	16,910.21
Warrants not presented	311.72
	16.598.49

Whereupon his Honour the Mayor was requested to issue his warrants for payment of the following sums

Lawrence & Van Wart, watch	$592.90	
Farrington & White Do	592.90	
Goodheart & Hays Do	755.30	
R. Graves Asst St Commr 1 month	54.	
Wm Willis coroner 1 qr to 1st June	86.54	
Wm Miers attending Park Septr & Octr	38.12	
Edd Watkeys, candles for City Hall	21. 7	
P. Fenton, timber for public use	74.79	
James L. Jacokes repg pumps 5th wd	108.75	
James Richardson, cleaning wells 7th 8th & 10th wards	37.49	
John Fine repairing pumps 1st ward	30.75	
Wm Butler, Iron work for Do	13.94	
Thomas & George Lovett for Fourth St	690.	
Anderson & Smyth, for Broome St	500.	
Moran & Kerney for Crosby St	450.	
John M'Combs for William St	350.	
Thomas Palmer for Elizabeth St	300.	
Abm Stagg, Mulberry & Lispenard St	295.	
Jas Vincent, Chapel Street	240.	
Kelly & Daly, Mott Street	160.	
Henry Bayard, Greenwich	100.	
Thos Scott—bale on South Street	50.26	
Charles Mooney, balance on Jay St	16.40	
Richd Furman Supt of Alms House	3000.	
John H. Sickles for New City Hall	3000.	
		11.558.21
	Balance in the treasy	5.040.28

[346] In Common Council 19th Novr 1810

Present Jacob Radcliff Esqr Mayor President
Josiah Ogden Hoffman Esquire Recorder

Esqs Aldermen	Esqs Assistants
Peter Mesier	Saml Jones junr
Thomas Carpenter	Peter Hawes
James Roosevelt	Auge H. Lawrence
John Bingham	Wm Hoghland
William Torrey	Thos Timpson
Charles Dickinson 7th	Edmund Kirby
Joseph Watkins	Wm A. Hardenbrook
	John Palmer

The minutes of the last meeting was read and approved
An account of Thomas Hazard keeper of the Bridewell for monies

paid to watchmen, constables &c. for conveying vagrants to Bridewell was received and referred to the Watch Committee & Comptroller

A claim of Dove and Masterton for interest on the purchase of Inclenburgh lots by Masterton deceased was now referred to the Committee on the Inclenburgh lots & the Comptroller

A letter was received from Henry Remsen Esq^{r} President of the Manhattan Company stating, that, in consequence of the applications by the dealers at their bank for discounts, it would be desirable to the Bank, that a part of the money loaned by them to the Corporation should be paid. Whereupon on motion, resolved, that the Comptroller, under the direction of the Finance Committee be authorised to borrow, on the bonds of this corporation, on the best terms, which they can obtain, the sum of One hundred thousand dollars, eighty thousand of which to be applied to the repayment of monies borrowed from the Manhattan Company and $20,000 for [347] *for* the purpose of the New City Hall

Applications were received from George Griswold of the 2^{d} ward, Samuel Boyd of the 3^{d} Stephen Price of the 6th William H. Robinson of the 8th and Samuel Kip of the 9th ward, begging leave, for reasons assigned by them to resign their appointments of Inspectors of the ensuing charter elections for the wards above mentioned. Whereupon, on motion, it was resolved, that their resignations be accepted.

On motion, the following persons were appointed inspectors in their places viz Joseph Warren Brackett for the 2^{d} ward, Joseph Strong for the 3^{d} ward William Janeway for the 6th ward and Henry Post for the 9th ward

A complaint was received from a number of inhabitants on Long Island against the conduct of Rodman Bowne Lessee of the upper ferry near Brooklyn, which was referred to the ferry committee

A petition of George Codwise Junior & George Lord to be permitted to build a lime house in Front Street corner of Burling Slip was received, and on motion to grant the prayer of the petition, it passed in the negative. It was then, on motion, resolved that the petition be referred to the Alderman & assistant of the ward with authority to grant permission to erect a lime house, at the head of the slip between Water and Front Streets

Petitions of Jane Griffith and William Honeywell for stands in the market to sell vegetables were received and referred to the Market committee

An application for the establishment of a company of firemen to be attached to the Engine stationed at Bloomingdale was received & referred to the Committee on the Fire department

A petition from sundry persons, praying, that the intended bulkhead at Peck Slip may be [348] sunk so as to range in line with the pier in front of the store of David Lydig was received & referred to the Aldermen and Assistants of the 2d & 4th wards & the Street Commissioner, with authority to comply wh the prayer of the petitioners, if in their opinion proper.

A petition was presented from Edmund Morewood, praying permission to store a quantity of hemp in a fire proof store, which was granted under the inspection of the Fire wardens of the 4th ward.

An account of Abel Hardenbrook for a fire engine for N° 26, amounting to $845 was received and referred to the Comptroller to report a warrant for payment.

The committee, to whom was referred the petition of a number of cartmen reported, That they have had the wood inspectors to meet them, by whom they understand, that it is too much the case, that these cartmen, who make it their business to purchase of the boatmen, the wood they bring to market, which they sell out again to such, as give them the carting thereof & often at an advanced price

The committee are of opinion, that the ordinance of this Board is fully sufficient to prevent this evil, if all such citizens as have knowledge of any cartman or woodsawyer contravening the law would give information thereof, so that the offender may be prosecuted to conviction

The Committee recommend the publication of five hundred hand bills, containing the 1st 2d 3d 4th 6th 11th and 12 sections of the Law for the regulation of firemen

(signed) Charles Dickinson
John Bingham

which report was agreed to.

A communication from a committee of the fire wardens of the City, stating, that great evils [349] in the present mode of sweeping chimneys & suggesting some remedies was referred to the committee on the Fire Department.

The comptroller, on the petition of Patience Bonnett, praying permission to assign her own & her son's lease of lots N° 131 William Street and N° 113 Chatham Street to John Connor & Hugh Houston reported in favour of the petition, which was agreed to

The Comptroller presented a deed to James Scott for Lot N° 138

Common lands; a lease to James Scott for Lot N° 137 Common lands; also leases to John Connor & Hugh Houston for lots N° 113 Chatham Street and N° 131 William Street, which having been examined by the Recorder were directed to be duly sealed and delivered

The Superintendant of repairs reported, that the Stairs at Horne's Hook ferry stood in need of repairs. Whereupon he was ordered immediately to make such repairs as were necessary

The City Inspector reported drafts of ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances from N° 6095 to 6105, inclusive, which were passed

The Committee on the subject of the Brooklyn Lots reported as follows

" The Committee, to whom was referred to take into consideration the subject of that part of the Corporation property at Brooklyn, which lies between high and low water mark & the propriety of selling or leasing the said property &c report,

That after much deliberation, they are of opinion, that, at present, it is inexpedient either to sell or lease the same. They recommend that the Street Commissioner be directed to contract for sinking a bulkhead in front of the Corporation property from the East side of the pier on the Easterly side of the Old Ferry Slip at Brooklyn till it [350] joins the bulkhead already sunk by M^r^ Jackson, and that he take such measures as to have the same compleated this season. They are of opinion, that it may be done for as small a sum at least, as that mentioned in the proposition of M^r^ Jackson

Thomas Carpenter
(signed) Peter Hawes
William Hoghland
Charles Dickinson

which report was agreed to and the Street Commissioner was directed to carry the same into effect.

The Street Commissioner presented the assessment for regulating Charles Street & for paving Roosevelt Street from Water Street to Front Street, which were confirmed & Lewis Angevine was appointed collector for each

The following persons were appointed firemen, the Chief Engineer certifying the corresponding vacancies.

N° 18

Townsend Cock merchant N° 15 Peck Slip 4th ward v. John Shotwell resigned.

Thomas Leggett Jun^r^ merchant N° 307 Pearl S^t^ 2^d^ ward v. Abraham Van Nostrandt resigned

James Lockwood grocer N° 38 Oak Street 4^th^ w^d^ v. William N. Kettletas resigned

N° 32

Samuel Patterson, carpenter corner of Pump & Second Street 10^th^ ward v. Peter Snouch resigned

Alderman Mesier presented the following resolution respecting indexing of the minutes

Whereas James Hardie has, at his leisure moments, indexed the 21^st^ volume of the minutes of this board, and whereas it is desirable to have the residue volumes of minutes indexed. Therefore, resolved, that a committee be appointed to inspect the work done also to report whether the residue volumes [351] should be by him done, and the compensation, which ought to be allowed" Whereupon, on motion, the same was referred to Alderman Mesier, Alderman Bingham and M^r^ Lawrence

The following was presented. Resolved, that a ferry to Hoboken be established at the North East corner of the basin at the West end of Canal Street, which was referred to the Steam Boat & Ferry Committee

On motion resolved, that the accounts of the persons, lately employed to take the Jury and Census Lists be referred to the Comptroller to be audited, and that the former committee, to whom the same was committed, be discharged from the consideration of that part of the subject

Resolved, that the Alderman and assistant of the Eighth ward direct such repairs to be made to Greenwich road, as they shall judge necessary.

On motion, resolved, that the Watch Committee be requested to station a watchman, in the yard of the New City Hall to protect and guard the work & materials there deposited.

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[353] In Common Council November 27th 1810

Present Jacob Radcliff Esqr Mayor President

Peter Mesier
Thomas Carpenter
Chas Dickinson 3d
James Roosevelt
John Bingham
William Torrey
Charles Dickinson 7th
Joseph Watkins
Nicholas Fish
Mangle Minthorne
Esqrs Aldermen

Saml Jones junr
Peter Hawes
Auge H. Lawrence
Robt Bogardus
Wm Hoghland
Isaac S. Douglass
Thomas Timpson
Wm A. Hardenbrook
Edmund Kirby
John Palmer
Esqrs Assistants

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Petitions of William & Silvester Robinson and of Greene & Lovett to be permitted to store a quantity of hemp the first in No 96 Murray's wharf & the latter in No 163 South Street were granted, under the directions of the fire wardens of the ward

A petition from sundry inhabitants for a watchman to be stationed near Hester Street and Fourth Street was received and referred to the watch committee

An application of Mary Hall for a stand to sell coffee in the Bear Market. An application of David Johnson for stand No 35 Fly Market & Michael Trappel for stand in temporary market at *to* the arsenal were referred to the Market Committee

A petition of John Graham for a Butcher's stand in the temporary market at the arsenal was received and on motion granted.

A petition of James Drake for payment of a bond due him amounting to the sum of $5000 [354] was received & referred to the finance committee and comptroller.

A petition of Stephen Minard, praying relief on an assessment for repaving John Street was referred to the Street Commissioner

An account from the Inspectors of the 1st ward for their expences at the last Charter election was referred to the comptroller

A request was received from the Historical Society of this city for the use of one of the rooms in the City Hall on the 6th day of December next for the purpose of delivering therein their anniversary address was received and granted under the direction of his Honour the Mayor.

A petition of John Guest, Wood inspector complaining of the hardship of being obliged to pay a portion of his fees towards the support of Mr Paine late Wood Inspector was referred to the Committee appointed to equalize the Wood inspection districts with a request also to report on the subject of the districts. The Committee are M^r Hoghland, Lawrence [&] Douglass

A petition of sundry inhabitants complaining of the practice of selling butcher's meat in places other than the established markets was received & referred to Alderman Mesier M^r Hoghland & M^r Hawes.

The following persons were appointed firemen, the chief engineer certifying the corresponding vacancies

Hook & Ladder Company N° 2

Thaddæus Keeler, Silver smith N° 71 Roosevelt Street 4th ward, v. Cornelius Brinkerhoff resigned

Engine Company N° 26

[355] Thomas Hinton Sail maker N° 100 Lumber Street 7th ward v. George Duryea resigned

Stephen Thorne, ship wright N° 147 Lombardy Street v. John Hunt resigned

N° 30

Jeremiah Schureman Grocer, Bowery Lane 10th w^d v. Jacob Hick absconded

Paul Shapta, ropemaker Rivington S^t 10th ward v George Howard absconded

The Street Commissioner presented an ordinance for Widening Murray Street, which was passed. The Assessors named were laid over

The Street Commissioner presented a return made by Noah Jarvis of vacant lots on sundry streets, on which assessments have been made & for which no owners have been found, which was referred to the Committee on assessments

Upon a representation of the Street Commissioner, the Superintendant of repairs was directed under the orders of the Street Commissioner to make the necessary drains & bridges in Chapel Street

The Street Commissioner represented, that on widening Murray Street, Fire Engine House N° 6 now remained in the Street. Whereupon it was referred to M^r Lawrence and the Superintendant of repairs to remove said house to said place, as they should judge proper

The Street Commissioner & Comptroller, to whom it had been referred to confer with M^r W^m Lawrence respecting the opening of Dover Street, reported, that they had not been able to make any agreement with him and that legal measures were, therefore, taking for opening said Street. Ordered, that the report be filed.

The Clerk presented returns of persons elected at the Charter election holden on the 20th 21st & 22d inst agreeably to the certificate of Robert Benson Esqr Clerk of the City & County of New York, by which it appeared, [356] that the following persons were duly elected to the offices herein after mentioned in the several wards of this city viz

Peter Mesier, Alderman		First Ward
Samuel Jones junr Asst Alderman		
Abraham Brinkerhoff Junr	Assessors	
Tunis Quick		
Samuel Gale Collector		
John Farrington	Constables	
Zephaniah Brown		
Thomas Carpenter Alderman		Second Ward
Peter Hawes Assistant Do		
John Vernon	Assessors	
Joseph Riley		
Gilliam Cornell, Collector		
Asa Eastwood	Constables	
Henry Marsh		
Charles Dickinson Alderman		Third ward
Auge H. Lawrence Asst Do		
Jonathan Little	Assessors	
Harmanus Talman		
Israel Purdy, Collector		
Joshua Green	Constables	
Solomon Wright		
Richard Cunningham Aldn		Fourth Ward
Elisha W. King Assistant Do		
Nehemiah Allen	Assessors	
Thomas Bloodgood		
Adolph L. Degrove Collector		
Daniel Nash	Constables	
James Crooker		
William Hoghland Alderman		Fifth ward
John Morss Assistant Aldn		
[357] John W. Elsworth	Assessors	
Samuel Ludlum		
Wm Berrian Collector		
John Striker Junr	Constables	
Charles E. Kelly		
William Torrey Alderman		Sixth ward
Isaac S. Douglass Asst Do		
John M'Clure	Assessors	
Lewis Angevine		
John O Neale Collector		
John Becker	Constables	
John White		

George Buckmaster, Alderman
Michael M. Titus, Ass^{t} Ald^{n}
James M'Masters
David Bayard } Assessors
Aspinwall Cornwall Collector
Jonathan Allen
Morris Oakley } Constables
} Seventh ward

Caleb Pell Alderman
William Welling As^{t} D^{o}
Arthur Burtis
Isaac Emmons } Assessors
Andrew Hageman Collector
Thomas Darling
Benjamin Waldron } *Collectors* [Constables]
} Eighth ward

Nicholas Fish Alderman
W^{m} A. Hardenbrook Ass^{t} D^{o}
Thomas Brass
Jacob Horne } Assessors
William Wilmerding Collector
Ruben Ryder
Samuel Wheat } Constables
} Ninth Ward

[358] John Pell Alderman
Abraham Van Gelder Jun^{r} assis^{t} D^{o}
William Thurston
Jabez Fowler } assessors
John Palmer Collector
William F Stephenson
Lewis Osborn } Constables
} Tenth Ward

Whereupon the Clerk of the Common Council was directed to issue notices to the several persons so elected, to attend at the Common Council Chamber on Monday the 3^{d} day of December next, at 12 o clock of the said day next to take the oaths of office prescribed by the charter and the laws of the State

*A protest of William Alburtis & Samuel Webb to the return made by a majority of the inspectors of the late election for Charter officers in the Sixth Ward of the City and particularly against William Torrey and Isaac S Douglass taking their seats as Alderman and Assistant of the said ward, stating, that they were nominated & supported as candidates for the said offices in said ward, and, in their opinion had a majority of the suffrages of the electors; but that from incorrectness in the counting of the ballots, a majority of the inspectors decided the opposite candidates to have the majority

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* Marginal note reads *See page 367.*—ED.

A protest of a similar nature with the above, from sundry electors of the ward & a communication from Alexander Clark, one of the inspectors of said ward assigning his reasons for refusing to subscribe the certificate of election were also received & read. Whereupon it was ordered, that a committee be appointed to examine into the truth of the facts stated in said protests, that they have authority to send for persons and papers & that they report to the board a statement of the facts. The following were appointed the committee viz Mr Jones, Alderman Bingham & Mr [359] Bogardus

The Market Committee, on the petition of Charles Gilman reported in favour of granting the Stall No 4 in Spring Street market, which was agreed to

The City Inspector presented drafts of ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances from No 6111 to No 6120 inclusive, which were passed

The Comptroller presented a report on the subject of the compensation to be allowed to the persons lately employed in taking the census, which was referred back to him with directions to report the number of inhabitants at the last census and the compensation then allowed to the persons employed in taking the census.

On motion of Alderman Mesier chairman of the committee of arrangements, ordered, that a warrant issue to R. Kent for $375 in full *full* for the public dinner provided by him on the 26th instant

The Superintendant of repairs reported, that the well at the foot of Duane Street had been examined by him and after several trials he found good water could not be procured and that the inhabitants wished another well to be sunk at a distance from the former. Ordered, that the inhabitants have leave to sink another well on the usual terms under the direction of the Alderman & Assistant of the fifth ward & superintendant of repairs

Alderman Carpenter moved, that the compensation to be allowed to the Superintendants of Streets be determined. After some debate thereon, the further consideration was postponed till the next meeting of the Board

An account of Alexander Andrews for glass lamps was received & referred to the Lamp [360] Committee

A resolution to permit Samuel Cheeseman to transfer the lease of his lot corner of William and Duane Streets to Moore & Benjamin Townsend was received & referred to the Comptroller

On motion the following resolution respecting the filling in of Washington Street in front of Canal Street basin was agreed to

Resolved, that the Street Commissioner be authorised to make such arrangements with the heirs of the Estate of A Lispenard deceased, respecting filling in Washington Street in front of the basin at Canal Street as shall be agreeable to the grant: and either to take the earth from said heirs or from any other place, he may think proper, and report his proceedings at next meeting of the Board.

[361] The Comptroller reported cash in the treasury*

[362] In Common Council December 1st 1810

Present Jacob Radcliff Esq^{r} Mayor President
Josiah Ogden Hoffman Esq^{r} Recorder

Peter Mesier
Thomas Carpenter
Charles Dickinson 3d
John Bingham
William Torrey
Charles Dickinson 7th
Joseph Watkins
Nicholas Fish
Mangle Minthorne
Esq^{rs} Aldermen

Samuel Jones jun^{r}
Peter Hawes
Aug^{e} H. Lawrence
Rob^{t} Bogardus
W^{m} Hoghland
Isaac S. Douglass
Thomas Timpson
Edmund Kirby
W^{m} A. Hardenbrook
John Palmer
Esq^{rs} Assistants.

The minutes of last meting were read and approved

The Committee appointed on the subject of the Sixth Ward Election reported verbally, that they had been assiduously employed in taking testimony in the case; but had not had time to prepare the statement of facts required by the resolution of the Board. Whereupon resolved, that they be requested to report on Monday next and resolved further, that the parties interested be heard by Counsel on said day, if they wish it.

Permission was given to build vaults in the Street, in front of Washington Hall in B^{d} way under the direction of the Alderman & Assistant of the ward and the Street Commissioner

The Euterpean Society, proposing to give a benefit for the relief of the Sufferers by the late fire in Charleston South Carolina sent 50 tickets to be disposed of by the Common Council. Ordered, that the same be deposited with the Clerk for such persons, as may chuse to purchase them

The building committee presented a report [363] transmitting therewith the account of receipts and expenditures for the year, which were ordered to lie on the table

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* Report not entered.—Ed.

A petition from William Anderson, stating, that he was about to build two houses in Greenwich Street and asking permission to build a lime house to store lime in. On the question of granting the petitioner leave to withdraw his petition, having been called, it passed in the affirmative in the manner following

Affirmative					Negative		
M^{r}	Recorder	M^{r}	Jones		Alderman	Torrey	
Ald^{n}	Mesier		Hawes			Watkins	
	Carpenter		Lawrence		M^{r}	Hoghland	
	Dickinson 3^{d}		Bogardus			Timpson	
	Bingham		Douglass			Hardenbrook	
	Dickinson 7th		Kirby			Palmer	6
	Fish			14			
	Minthorne						

A letter was received from Doctor David Hosack requesting the decision of the board on his former application, which was referred to the committee on his petition.

On motion resolved, that Josiah Ogden Hoffman Esq^{r} be and he is hereby appointed the proxy of this board to vote on their shares in the Manhattan Company at the ensuing election for directors for said institution

On motion resolved, that $800 per annum be allowed as salary to each of the Superintendants of Streets.

[364] The Street Commissioner presented a return of delinquents on the assessment for Broome S^{t} Whereupon a warrant was ordered to issue to the Collector for collecting the same.

The Street Commissioner on the petition of Stephen Minard reported against granting the prayer of the petition, which was agreed to. He also presented a return of delinquents on John & William Street and a warrant was ordered to issue to the Collector for collection of the same

On motion, resolved, that his Honour the Mayor be requested to sit for his portrait to be painted for the use of the Common Council

The Comptroller presented a further report on the compensation to be allowed to the persons employed in taking the census & making a jury list. Whereupon resolved, that the sum of $2 per day be allowed to the persons so employed. to be audited by the Comptroller

Adjourned to meet on Monday next at 9 o'clock A M.

[365] In Common Council Decr 3d 1810

Present His Honour Jacob Radcliff Esqr President
Josiah Ogden Hoffman Recorder

Peter Mesier
Thomas Carpenter
Charles Dickinson 3d
James Roosevelt
John Bingham
Wm Torrey
Charles Dickinson 7th
Joseph Watkins
Nicholas Fish
Mangle Minthorne
Esqrs Aldermen

Samuel Jones junr
Peter Hawes
Auge H. Lawrence
Robt Bogardus
Wm Hoghland
Isaac S. Douglass
Thomas Timpson
Edmund Kirby
Wm A. Hardenbrook
John Palmer
Esqrs Assistants.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The following communication was received from Gouverneur Morris Esqr

Commissioners Office 29th Novr 1810

Sir,

I am directed to inform you, that the Commissioners for laying out the Manhattan Island have completed their work so far forth as depends on them; but much is yet to be done on the ground. It would be useless to detail the causes, which have delayed their operations. The unpropitious weather for the last and preceding season is not the least. So much, however, is accomplished, that with tolerable success in the operations now going on, it will be practicable, to make within the time fixed by the Statute a report complying substantially, if not literally with the law, shewing all the streets to be laid out and specially designating those, on which monuments have not been placed. These Streets may hereafter, without the superintendance of Commissioners be accurately [366] traced by a skilful, practical man, possessed of suitable instruments. It is, however, proper to remark, that in order to establish points, which have been ascertained by measurements already made, the course of operations commenced this year ought to be continued next year by the surveyor now employed, after which, the work may be conducted in such manner as the corporation may deem most expedient.

That they may the better be able to form a judgment, I am directed to state, that only one surveyor can be employed in what remains, and that the commissioners have been under the necessity of directing the construction of particular instruments in order, that he might attain to that degree of accuracy, requisite in a work of this sort, where the difference of an inch may afterwards be a source of contention. There are, however, measured and to be measured with this extreme precision upwards of five hundred & fifty thousand feet, that is to say upwards of one hundred miles. A work so extensive, although enjoined by the statute was not, perhaps, contemplated, when it was proposed. To place and take the elevation above high water mark of about three thousand five hundred monuments will also require as little time. Yet all this must be done to comply literally with the provision of the Statute in relation to so much only of the island, as may, in the opinion of the Commissioners, become part of the city in the course of ages. If the whole were embraced, the labour would of course be increased with a proportionate increase of expence

They have directed estimates to be laid before them and find, that to complete the work will require (exclusive of the compensation allowed to them & the expence of making maps) a sum of seventeen thousand dollars, to which must be added six thousand [367] dollars more, if the monuments be made of marble; and it has been found by experience, that those of common free stone are daily defaced by men, who, in cultivating their fields, do not perceive them until the mischief is done. Sixteen hundred dollars are needful now to pay what is done and compleat the field operations of this season, for which sum I am directed, Sir, to ask a warrant on your treasurer

I have the honour to be &c

(signed) Gouverneur Morris

The Worshipful
the Mayor of New York

which communication was referred to Alderman Fish, Mesier, Hoghland & the Street Commissioner and a warrant was ordered to be reported by the Comptroller, in favour of the Commissioners for laying out streets for $1600

It was now resolved, that the Common Council should take into consideration the subject of the Sixth ward election. The parties agreeably to the permission of the Board, appeared by their Counsel, the members elect by Barent Gardinier Esquire and the protestors by Thomas Addis Emmet and Elisha Morrill Esq^{rs}

The following papers were then read.

To the Honourable the Mayor & Common Council of the City of New York

The protest of the subscribers to the return made by a majority of the inspectors of the late election for charter officers in the Sixth ward of said city and particularly against William Torrey and Isaac S. Douglass taking their seats as Alderman and Assistant of the ward, respectfully sheweth

That the subscribers, as candidates regularly [368] and fairly nominated and supported, as they believe, by a considerable majority of the electors of said ward, for the offices of Alderman and Assistant Alderman, conceive themselves, as well as the electors, who honoured them with their suffrages aggrieved by the return made by a majority of the inspectors of the said election, for the following reasons viz

That whereas eight hundred and ninety one tickets were polled at the said election, which exactly correspond with the number of names entered on the poll list; and they are able to substantiate, that their names for the offices aforesaid were entered upon four hundred and twenty nine tickets, which were denominated regular, that is containing similar names for all the offices voted for, and that there were Sixty tickets, which were denominated irregular or mixed, upon twenty five of which their names also appeared. giving them a majority in the whole number polled of twenty five

And, that whereas they are able to prove, that of the aforesaid four hundred and twenty nine tickets an account of three hundred and eighty nine only were taken and entered to their credit by the official clerk of the Inspectors, leaving a deficiency of forty tickets, as will fully appear by a comparison of the Poll list with the official return

And that whereas the above mistake was discovered and acknowledged by two of the inspectors, at the time, one of whom refused to sign the statement of the election, as it then appeared, except the error should be corrected by recounting the tickets, which the other inspectors, being wrongfully persuaded by some officious by standers, that such a procedure would be illegal, refused to do

And that whereas by the aforesaid omission of forty tickets, which of right should have been placed to their credit, as well as by several other errors and [369] the incorrect proceedings of a majority of the Inspectors, in sundry instances from want, perhaps, of a sufficient knowledge of the law regulating Charter Elections, the return made of said election is, as they conceive at variance with truth, in opposition to an expressed will of the majority of the electors of said ward, and, if permitted to pass without a free investigation, will tend, as a precedent to nullify the important priviledge of elective franchise, the essential, the preeminently distinguishing trait of the representative system of government.

Therefore the candidates aforesaid protest against the return made of said election and particularly against William Torrey and Isaac S Douglass taking their seats in the Council as Alderman and Assistant Alderman of the Sixth Ward; and in order to substantiate their allegation against the same, they respectfully pray to be heard by Council before your Honourable Board, not doubting, but that your decision in the premises will accord with justice and the inestimable privileges of free electors

(signed) Wm Al Burtis
Samuel Webb.

The following communiction from Alexander Clark one of the inspectors of the election for the Sixth ward was read.

Gentlemen,

Being nominated one of the Inspectors of the Sixth Ward by Your Honourable Body in consequence of some unexpected circumstances at said election arising, precluding, in my opinion my signing the return in Common with the other inspectors, I beg leave, in my justification, respectfully to state for such omission, my reasons.

First, there were on the Clerks book eight hundred and ninety one names finishing with Thomas [370] Dougherty and the ballots after three careful examinations amounted only to eight hundred and Eighty nine. The two deficient tickets I afterwards found under the table, close by one of the inspectors.

Secondly. After opening and examining said ballots and separating them into Federal, Republican and Scattering divisions, and canvassing the whole ones, it appeared to me, and by the notes taken down by some gentlemen present, that the Republican whole ticket amounted to four hundred and twenty nine, the Federal whole ticket to four hundred and two, leaving a majority of twenty seven, in favour of the whole Republican ticket. How the different candidates stood on the split tickets I know not, as Mr Kennedy sat between the clerk and me, Mr Janeway sitting opposite to him, who cried out the names to the Clerk; they were then handed to Mr Kennedy, who handed them to me to file. I counted them, at least, twice over and found them to be sixty in number—which made up the full number of Eight hundred & ninety one as stood on the Clerks Book

Thirdly. When the final close or examination came to be made, I found a deficiency on the clerk's book of forty whole ballots, I instantly demanded a reexamination, which was refused by the other inspectors. I, therefore, thought it my duty to refuse to sign the official return of said election, more especially as Mr Janeway one of the inspectors admitted, there was an error; and I believe would have reexamined the tickets, had he not been prevented by some persons then present. I hope this will be a sufficient excuse to your Honourable Board and I remain

Your Humble Servant
Alexander Clark

New York }
27th Novr 1810}

[371] To the Honourable the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York

The memorial and protest of the Subscribers residents and electors of the Sixth ward respectfully sheweth

That Your memorialists protest against the official return made of the late election for Charter officers in the Sixth Ward—Because without going much into detail, they are convinced, that they are able to prove, that forty tickets, which were polled at said election were not accounted for, that is were not carried to the credit of any of the candidates for the respective offices voted for at said election; and because if the said forty tickets had been truly & justly reckoned, the result of the election would have been different from the return made, that is that candidates would have been elected to all the offices different from those reported in the return as duly elected.

Your memorialists do not wish to charge the inspectors or their poll clerk with making wilful mistakes, or omissions; but their duty compels them to declare their surprise and disapprobation of the inspectors preferring a clerk, whose integrity and abilities to execute so responsible a trust was unknown to the citizens of the ward, and as your memorialists believe to the inspectors themselves; and the more so, as they believe they shall be able to prove, that the said clerk, in keeping the account of the poll, crossed three marks as tally for five votes, that he made one mark on another, by which one vote was lost, and that he omitted one entire tally of twenty tickets

Therefore, your memorialists pray to be heard by council by your Honourable Board to shew cause for setting aside the said Charter election of the Sixth ward and granting a new election: because if a poll clerk through design or inattention can render an election valid, [372] and at the same time, make an untrue return of the votes polled, the elective franchise becomes a dead letter, and the boasted preeminence of representative government a mockery.

Charles Clinton
Robert M'Queen
William Mooney
John Coffin
Daniel D. Walters
John Fellows
C. J. Berrian
Arthur Cullum
Benjn Westervelt
Mark Gunton
Leonard Warner
Clarkson Crolius
William Miller junr
Leonard Seaman

Mr Jones from the Committee on the subject of the sixth ward Election handed in the following Report

The Committee to whom the protest remonstrance and petition respecting the last Election for Charter officers in the sixth ward were refered with directions to report a statement of facts in relation thereto Respectfully Report. That they have attended to the duties of their appointment and have examined the Inspectors and Clerk of the Election and fifteen other witnesses on oath touching the matter refered to them in the presence of the signers of the protest and such members of the Common Council as chose to attend, and that upon such examination it appeared that after Closing the Poll the Poll list was first inspected and that the names entered by the Clerk thereon as Electors polled at the said Election amounted to the number of Eight hundred and ninety one that the ballots were then Counted several times, the same not Exactly agreeing with the Poll list; two of the Inspectors and the Clerk stated that the number of ballots were ultimately found to be Eight hundred and Eighty seven, and that that was the number canvassed, the other Inspector stated that the number on the last Counting appeared to be Eight hundred and Eighty nine but that before the [373] Canvass began he discovered two more which had dropped on the floor and which he picked up and added to the others making the number of ballots agree with the names on the Poll Book; It further appeared that the Inspectors then proceeded to Canvass the ballots that they opened them one by one and separated them into three parcels one comprising all the ballots whereon the names William Torrey for Alde[r]man Isaac S Douglass for assistant &c were written, one other of said parsels comprising all the ballots whereon the names of William AlBurtis for Alderman Samuel Webb for Assistant &c were written which were called full or regular Tickets and the third parcel all the residue which were called Irregular or split Tickets That Mr Janeway one of the Inspectors then proceeded to call off the names on the full or regular Tickets and the same after being inspected by the other Inspectors were placed on wires, Those on which William Torreys name for alde[r]man appeared, on one wire and those on which the name of William AlBurtis for alderman appeared, on another wire commencing with the Ballots for the last mentioned Ticket and placing between Each twenty as they proceeded a strip of blanck paper; that in this operation the wires were filled, two several times that when both the wires were filled the first time the Ballots were taken off by twenty at a time and called off to the Clerk who took them down; that the Ballots on the first wire thus called off were those on which the name of William AlBurtis for alderman was written and those were called off to the Clerk by twenty at a time, but that the ballots on the other wire which were those on which the name of William Torrey for alderman was written were taken off in this manner the Inspector took off five parcels of twenty distinctly and slowly counting as he [374] took them off one twenty two twenty three twenty four twenty five twenty is one hundred which was taken down by the Clerk—that this last mode was pursued during the residue of the Canvass of the full Tickets; and that the result was found by the Clerks entry to be 402 for William Torrey for Alderman and 389. for William AlBurtis for Alderman and for the other Candidates the same numbers respectively; that they then proceeded to Canvass the residue of the Ballots called irregular or split Tickets in which operation the ballots were first put on one of the wires one by one and then taken off and inspected in the same manner as the full Ticket but were called off one by one to the Clerk who gave Credit for one vote to each of the Candidates on the full Tickets whose name was written thereon; that among these Ballots there were some which had no name thereon for Alderman some which had no name for assistant some which had a name for Alderman or for assistant which was not on either of the full or regular Tickets, one full Ticket for Candidates in the Tenth ward and some with fictitious names: That the number of votes given on the split Tickets for William Torrey for Alderman was Twenty five and the number for William Alburtis was 23. and the rest of the Candidates nearly the same in numbers & proportions with some variations making the whole number of votes canvassed and estimated for William Torrey for Alderman four hundred and twenty seven and the whole number canvassed and estimated for William alBurtis for Alderman four hundred and twelve and the whole number for Isaac S Douglass for assistant 428. and the whole number for Samuel Webb for assistant 417. as certified in the return; That one or more of the Bye Standers declared that there was a mistake of forty Tickets in the Canvas and estimate, that M^r^ Clark one of the Inspectors insisted [375] upon a recanvas or new counting of the Ballots which M^r^ Janeway another of the Inspectors at first inclined to assent to, but that M^r^ Kennedy the other Inspector refused to do so, and M^r^ Janeway comeing into his opinion the majority of the Inspectors agreed not to recanvass or recount. the Ballots and they with the Poll list were destroyed and the certificate on file in the Clerks office was thereupon made out signed and returned—as to the fact of the alledged mistake in the Canvass and estimate and the circumstances respecting the refusal of the two Inspectors to recanvass or recount the ballots, the precise time when the alledged mistake was first declared and the number of Ballots not comprised in the two parcells called full or regular ballots and as to some other matters much Testimony was produced which being extreemely variant and in some instances perhaps not reconcileable your Committee have thought proper to state it at Large as taken down at the time and read over and assented to by the witnesses specifying the names of the witnesses and by whom produced

Alexander Clark one of the Inspectors deposed in substance that on completing the Canvass of the full Ballots the same were put into two separate handkerchiefs Those having thereon the name of William AlBurtis for Alderman in the handkerchief of Deponent and the others in the other handkerchief and left laying on the Table: That they then proceeded to Canvas the split Tickets first putting them on one of the files that the number of split Tickets was sixty, he counted them himself that he kept an account of the Canvass with Chalk but not an accurate one—that he believes the result of the Election was in fact different from that which is returned. that M^r^ Janeway also said he believed there was a mistake and put his hand on the deponents handkerchief wherein one parcel of the ballot was contained as if to proceed to recount [376] them but that some of the Bye Standers declaring it to be improper to recount them he declined doing so. that the mistake was not mentioned until after the canvas of all the Ballots was finished, but was declared before the Certificate was signed that during the Canvass of the full tickets he overlooked the Clerk to see that he entered the numbers correctly as called off by the Inspectors and that the Clerk did enter the same correctly as far as the witness could discover that he did not particularly attend to the Clerks entries on the Canvass of the split Tickets—That some ballots 8 or 9. had no name for alderman thereon but how many such there were he could not say and that the same was the Case as to assistant Alderman

William Janeway another of the Inspectors deposed that he did not count the split Tickets & could not say how many there were—there were several without any name thereon for Alderman some only for Constables and some having fictitious names thereon and some blanks that on finishing the Canvass of the full Tickets Mr Clark one of the Inspectors proposed burning them—that when it was first suggested there was a mistake he said he believed there was, which declaration he made in consequence of the assertions of others and not from any knowledge of his own—that he was at first inclined to recount the Ballots and put his hand on one of the handkerchiefs with that intent but that on reflection he *he* declined doing so. not being certain that they remained in the same state as when put into the handkerchief or whether some might not have been taken away as the handkerchief had been out of his sight, that during the Canvass he stood directly opposite the Clerk and looked over him to see that he set down the numbers correctly and believes he did That the Clerk made one mistake on the Canvass of the split tickets in entering [377] A vote which he the witness corrected that during the Canvass of full Tickets two dropped from the Table and were taken up by Mr Kennedy and put among the uncanvassed ballots that he did not declare next morning there was a mistake but said that if there was a mistake he did not know in what it consisted or how it happened, that when they were about to destroy the Tickets and Poll Book Mr Clark one of the inspectors took up the Poll Book and appeared to Witness, as about to take it away that witness demanded it of him—that Mr Clark said he had a right to look over it that witness assented thereto That Mr Clark then inspected it and said he was satisfied with his examination on which it was with the Ballots destroyed—Bernard Kennedy the other Inspector deposed that during the Canvass he by accident drew two Tickets off the Table with his elbow which he took up and they were canvassed with the rest—that he knew nothing of any Tickets being found on the floor by Mr Clark before the Canvass was begun that he sat alongside of the Clerk and carefully attended to his entries during the whole of the votes and he is confident that he made but one mistake which was in entring one vote which was corrected that the number of votes for each candidate was not added up until after the Canvass of the whole was finished that he does not know how many split Tickets there were that there were several without Alderman several without Assistant some for only one candidate several for persons as Alderman who were not Candidates and several with fictitious names upon them that when the Canvass of the full Tickets was finished Mr Clark proposed burning them but they were put in handkerchiefs and shifted to different parts of the Table that when they were about to burn the votes Mr Clark took [378] up the Poll Book and put it under his arm as if to carry it away—that from his whole knowledge & belief he is confident that each candidate had due credit given him for each vote he received at the election and that he knows of no mistake in the Canvas and Estimate

Henry Faber the Clerk of the Election deposed that he does not know how many split Tickets there were he knows that Torrey had twenty five AlBurtis twenty three for which credit was given to them and that there were nine without any name for Alderman several for persons that were not Candidates and a number with none but fictitious names thereon he thinks about thirty and and is fully satisfied from twenty five to thirty he is confident he set down to each Candidate every Vote given for him as called off by the Inspectors that the Canvass was finished and the successful Candidate declared before it was suggested that there was a mistake—that Mr Clark after the Canvas was over snatched the Book ran to the end of the table and examined it that Mr Janeway pul[l]ed it from under his arm and it was burned with the Ballots that he did not say there was a mistake nor has he any reason to believe there was, thinks that John D Miller first suggested that there was a mistake, that he heard some person present declare it contrary to law to canvass anew that he thinks none of the ballots would have been taken out of the handkerchiefs was not accused of any mistake until after the canvass except by Mr Paulding as to one vote

John Ackerman produced by the Protestants said that he was one of the officers who attended at the Poll and was present at the Canvas but kept no account thereof that he saw the Ballots in which AlBurtis's name was written for Alderman [379] taken from the wire and when the last twenty were taken therefrom and called out by the Inspector the Clerk did not set them down at the time he usually did he said the Clerk might have set them down before called off, as that was the last twenty, at that time he was at the end of the table where he had been and continued during the canvassing and that Alexander Clark set between him and the Clerk that he took notice of the omission at the time but did not mention it till after it was supposed there had been a mistake, he also declared he usually uses Glasses but had none at that time though he could see perfectly well and at that time a number of persons were round the table some of whom came inside by force, at the time he supposed the omission took place the Clerk set between two of the Inspectors—he saw two tickets in Kennedys hand which he understood were found on the floor—At the time the last twenty were taken from the file he saw the Clerk put the pen to the Book but did not see him make the requisite N° 20. that he was then certain and still believed he omitted it

John D Miller Esq^r^ produced by the same said he was present at the latter part of the Canvass and saw the split Tickets counted and put on a wire and they amounted to sixty that as soon as they were put on the wire he added them up with the full or regular Tickets which in the whole made Eight hundred and fifty one, that he did not count the split tickets himself but took the number from one of the Inspectors he believed all the split tickets taken from the wire had some one persons name on it, he mentioned to the Inspectors that there were forty ballots short before the Inspectors declared the result. or at least before he heard them so declare that he believed all the split Tickets thrown out the Hat in which they had been put. were placed on the wire he also declared he was [380] alongside M^r^ Janeway but could not see whether the Clerk kept the account correct or not that M^r^ Earnest appeared very attentive to what he was doing that he did not hear any person say to the Inspectors there had been an omission in setting down 5. 10. 15. 20. or any other number of Votes, That when he informed M^r^ Janeway there was a mistake in forty votes M^r^ Janeway replied he believed there was and appeared willing to count them over but afterwards declined he thought none of the Tickets could have been out of the handkerchiefs without having been discovered by some person round the table

Isachar Cozzens Jun^r^ produced by the same said he was looking into the window soon after the Canvassing was over and enquired of the Clerk the result who informed him that M^r^ Torrey had fifteen Majority but there was a mistake which was not owing to him for when the votes were counted they tallied with his Book and at which conversation he said M^r^ Lane was present that there was then a great noise in the Room.

John Lane produced by the same said he was present at the Canvassing of the vote and after which he heard the Clerk say M^r^ Torrey was fifteen a head that his Books were correct but the rest made a mistake of forty that he then stood in the corner of the Room and M^r^ Cozzens was sitting in the window

Richard L Walker produced by the same said he was present at the canvassing of the said votes and kept an account thereof that he kept the same in consequence of an agreement by the Inspector That one person on each side might keep such an account & for that purpose be at the Table he was appointed by the supporters of Mr AlBurtis and Mr Earnest by those of Mr Torrey that the Ballots were counted three times and proved to be Eight hundred and eighty nine that the number of full Ballots as kept by the Clerk differed from his private account, that [381] there were sixty split Tickets as declared by the Clerk and that he counted them as Mr Clark put them on the file and afterwards as he turned them and the number was sixty that Mr Miller then declared there was a deficiency of tickets and that before the Majority was ascertained and told the Inspectors if they would count the tickets in that handkerchief they would find the mistake, that Mr Janeway said there seemed to be a mistake and laid his hand on the handkerchief and that Mr Clark also declared there was a mistake and that they must count the votes over he further stated that Mr Rose offered to bet him One thousand dollars and that, before the split Tickets had been counted that the republican Ticket on the full Ballot had a Majority of twenty seven which agreed with his private account within two or three that he thought the Tenth ward Ballot and *and* those having fictitious names on were included in the sixty he further stated that he then informed Mr Morrel that his private Canvass differed from the Inspectors that he kept his from the slips of paper that Mr Morrel informed him the witness that he Morrel kept his from the Call of the Inspector which one kept by Morrel differed from the witnesses and the Witness submitted to Morrells until the sixty should be examined as the mistake might be there that he the witness the next day after the Canvass made out a Calculation from his private Canvass which he might have shewn to some persons and that he did not recollect shewing his private Canvass to any person but Morrell nor did he mention his canvas as differing from the Inspectors as a reason why they should recanvass

Ebenezer Stevenson produced by the same said he was present part of the time during the Canvass and heard Mr Rose offer to bet. Mr Walker 1000. Dol. the Republican Ticket had a Majority on the full [382] Ballots of twenty seven that the Clerk marked two votes in the one and the same stroke opposite to Morrells name and after the Canvassing was finished he heard the Clerk say there was a mistake his counting did not hold out with the poll list that he also heard Mr

Janeway say there were sixty split Tickets as called off from the Clerks Book

Helmus C Van Houton produced by the same said he was present at part of the Canvassing and heard Mr Janeway say he believed there was a mistake or something like that that after the split Tickets were put on the wire he the witness counted them over and there were sixty exactly

George Cumming produced by the same said that he was at the latter part of the said Canvassing half the split tickets were canvassed when he came to the Poll he heard Mr Miller Walker and Clark say there had been a mistake and that Mr Janeway admitted then there had been a mistake and that they ought to Canvass over and put his hand on the handkerchief but declined recounting as the witness supposed in consequence of information of others standing there that the supposed error was mentioned before the witness heard the result

James H Ward produced by the same said that he saw Mr Hedden take the handkerchief from the table before the Inspectors began to Canvass the Split Tickets after which he heard Mr Janeway say there was a mistake and was about recounting the votes that on several persons declaring it would be improper he declined that he saw Mr Van Houten inside the Bar when canvassing the split Tickets which he did not hear counted altho attending to their being canvassed that Van Houten set alongside Mr Clark

William M Summers produced by the returned [383] Candidates said that he knows Van Houten and that he did not see him at the Inspectors Table as stated by him that he saw him out side the Bar but not all the time that after the canvassing was over he and Van Houten went inside at the same time that he believed Mr Van Houten to be an honest Man

Henry Marsh produced by the same, said he was present at part of the canvassing and heard Mr Rose offer to bet Mr Walker on either side upon the result and offered to give Mr Walker his choice he did not suppose Mr Rose in earnest, that Mr Rose by his private canvass gave Mr Burtis seven majority from the full Tickets Mr Miller contradicted Mr Rose and then Rose corrected his by Millers that Mr Miller said from his account Mr Torrey had thirteen over AlBurtis during the Canvassing he saw Mr Kennedy take two Tickets from the Floor which were also canvassed

Charles Morrell produced by the same said he came to the Poll after they had commenced canvassing and from thence kept a Tally but not a correct one and got confused and quit, that D^{r} Walker did not tell the witness his private Tally differed from the Inspectors as he could recollect that M^{r} Walker declared there was a mistake as soon as the split Tickets were counted from the wire and to the number of about forty Tickets he did not recollect whether M^{r} Miller or M^{r} Walker first mentioned there was a mistake he could not say whether all the split Tickets were put on the wire nor how many there were that he heard Rose offer to bet Walker 1000 Doll. upon a Majority of 24 or 27 upon the Republican Ticket. before the split Tickets were all put on the file and soon after he offered to bet either way and when Rose so offered to bet all the full Tickets had not been counted but some laid on the Table in heaps that he saw Van Houten at some time during the Canvass inside the Bar he also stated that he the witness set at the end of the table and M^{r} Ackerman [384] stood behind him and that part of the time he saw the Clerk put down the votes and part of the time he could not the Box being between them

Anthony Earnest produced by the same said that he attended during the whole of the canvassing and counting of the votes and kept an account of the same for which purpose he attended that he particularly attended to the business through every stage of it that he set near the Clerk but did not keep his account by the Clerks but from the Call of the Inspectors and after the difficulty arose he compared Books with the Clerk and they exactly agreed, he was certain he gave each candidate credit for the votes given for him he would not say how many split Tickets there were he saw M^{r} Kennedy take two from the floor when Canvassing that he kept his account all by twenty he further stated there were a number of Ballots with fictitious names written on them how many he could not say that some contained only an Assistants name some were Crossed, that the room was much crowded and a number looking on and he did not believe any of the Tickets had been taken away that he did not hear of any mistake till after the succesful Candidate had been declared

Thomas Angell produced by the same said [he] was present during the whole Canvass that he and Ackerman attended the Poll as officers and stood along side at each end of the Table from which he could not see whether the Clerk set down the number or not. that he and Ackerman stood there when the last twenty were taken from the file he did not hear Ackerman remark to any person there had been a mistake in setting down, two or three days after the election M^{r} Ackerman told him there was a mistake in the Clerks not setting down the two last twenties but that he Ackerman could not say for whom those were for and that he said [385] then he was sure there had been a mistake he further stated that Ackerman was a man of good Character

Lewis Angevine produced by the same said he was present at the Canvassing of the votes and kept an account there of which agreed with the Clerks he kept his without any communication with the Clerk and from the Call of the Inspector and also said he was certain he witness made no mistake and that he put them down correctly as called off that he saw the Clerk put down each twenty on the first file for Mr Burtis that after the full Tickets were canvassed Mr Clark proposed destroying them before Canvassing the split he did not know how many split tickets there were that several persons declared the result previously to Mr Miller saying there had been a mistake that Mr Torrey had a Majority of thirteen from the whole ticket that when Mr Miller declared there had been a mistake as to forty votes Mr Janeway replied he did not know how it had happened for he was sure he had canvassed them fairly

Your Committee deem it proper to add that they have no reason from the evidence adduced nor do they understand that the parties allege that the Inspector or Clerk of the Election manifested any partiality or mal conduct during the Canvass and estimate but that it was generally agreed on all sides that if there was an error therein the same had arisen from some unintentional mistake which could not be accounted for

S Jones Junr
John Bingham
Robt Bogardus

On motion it was agreed that the Common Council now take into consideration the report. of the Committee

The parties agreeably to the permission of the Board appeared by their Counsel the Members elect [386] by Barent Gardenier Esqr and the Protestors by Thomas Addis Emmet and Morrell Esqrs The protest &c was read Mr Emmet stated to the Common Council that his Clients had been desirous of obtaining the Testimony of Wm Luccus Rose Esqr that for that purpose he had been summoned before the Committee of the Board but had not attended He therefore prayed that a Suppoena might be sent to him requiring his attendance forthwith before the Common Council,

It was then moved that a message be sent to Mr Rose requesting his attendance which was agreed to

A Note was accordingly despatched by the Clerk of the Com. Council to Mr Rose stating that his Testimony had been required by the Protestors to the return made in the late Charter Election for the 6th Ward and requesting his immediate attendance before the Com. Council, to which Mr Rose returned an answer that he would in the Course of half an hour Attend Mr Emmett then opened the Case in behalf of his Clients, William Luccus Rose attended & was sworn and examined as a witness on the behalf of the Protestors Mr Anthony Ernest was on behalf of the Members Elect requested to be sworn as a witness & was accordingly sworn & Examined

Mr Gardenier then addressed the Common Council on the part of the Members Elect to which Mr Emmet (with permission of the Board) replied,

Alderman Bingham then presented the following Resolution

This Board having received through the medium of their Committee the allegations of the different Inspectors the Clerk of the Poll and a number of the Electors of the sixth Ward and hearing the Counsel fully on the subject Do on a full investigation of the contested Election believe that some mistake has taken place for that Ward for Charter Officers, [387] Therefore resolved as the sence of this Board that a warrant issue from the proper officers calling a new election for the said sixth Ward as speedily as may be.

His honor the recorder then moved that the question be taken on the resolution without debate but that each member if he pleases assign his reason for his vote on the question to agree to the same it was carried in the affirmative

The Recorder then rose and in a speech of considerable length assigned the reasons which influenced his vote and gave his vote in the negative

Mr Hoghland then moved that the resolution Just passed " that the question should be taken without debate but that each member if he pleased might assign*s* his reasons" be reconsidered to the end that the question might be debated—on the question of agreeing to the same a Division having been called it passed in the negative in the manner following Alderman Torrey & Mr Douglass not Voting

Negative Mr Recorder Aldn Mesier, Carpenter, Dickinson 3d Dickinson 7th Watkins Fish, Mr Hawes Lawrence Hardenbrook—10

Afirmative Aldn Bingham Minthorn Mr Jones Bogardus Hogland Timpson Kerby Palmer—8

The members then proceeded to give their vote and assign their reasons, and a division having been called the Resolution presented by Alderman Bingham passed in the negative in the manner following Aldm Torrey & Mr Douglass not Voting

Negative Mr Recorder Aldm Mesier Carpenter Dickinson 3d Dickinson 7th Watkins, Fish, Mr Jones Hawes Lawrence Bogardus Kirby Hardenbrook 13.

Affirmative Aldm Bingham Minthorn Mr Hoghland Timpson Palmer 5

[388] The Recorder then proposed the following preamble &. resolution " The Board proceeded to the determination of the legality of " the return of the Inspectors of the late Election for Charter officers " for the sixth Ward—and after hearing Counsel for and against the " said Return Resolved that the said Return is legal and that the " persons therein returned are duly elected to the offices mentioned in " the said return respectively " on the question to agree to the same a division having been called it was carried in the affirmative in the manner following Aldm Torrey & Mr Douglass not voting on the question

Affirmative—Mr Recorder Aldm Mesier, Carpenter, Dickinson 3d Dickinson 7th Watkins Fish Mr Jones Hawes Lawrence Bogardus Kirby Hardenbrook 13.

Negative—Aldm Bingham Minthorn Mr Hoghland Timpson Palmer 5.

Mr Bogardus then moved that the Report of the Committee including the Testimony reported by them together with the Testimony given by Mr Rose & Mr Ernest be published under the direction of the said Committe.

The Minutes of the proceedings of the Board thus far were read and approved

The newly Elected Charter officers attending the following persons took the oath prescribed by Law, (Vide, the names pages 356 to. 358.)

The Alde[r] men and assistants this day sworn in then took their seats and the Board was formed as follows

Jacob Radcliff Esq^{r} Mayor Prest.
Josiah Ogden Hoffman Esq^{r} Recorder

Peter Mesier	Aldermen	Samuel Jones Jun^{r}	Assistants
Thomas Carpenter		Peter Hawes	
Charles Dickinson		Augustus H Lawrence	
Richard Cunnigham		Elisha W King	
William Hoghland		John Morss.	
William Torrey		Isaac S Douglass	
George Buckmaster		Michael M Titus	
Caleb Pell		William Welling	
Nicholass Fish		William A Hardenbrook.	
John Pell		Abraham Van Gelder	

On motion Whitehead Fish was unanimously Re Elected Chamberlain of the City for the ensuing year.

Board Adjourned.

In Common Council December 10. 1810.

Present. Jacob Radcliff Esquire President
Josiah Ogden Hoffman Esq^{r} Recorder

Peter Mesier	Aldermen	Samuel Jones Jun^{r}	Assistants
Thomas Carpenter		Peter Hawes	
Charles Dickinson		Augustus H Lawrence	
Richard Cuningham		Elisha W King	
William Hogland		John Morss	
William Torrey		Isaac S Douglass	
George Buckmaster		Michael M Titus	
Caleb Pell		William Welling	
Nicholass Fish		W^{m} A Hardenbrook	
John Pell.		Abraham Van Gelder	

The minutes of the last meeting were read & approved

An account of Gosman & Maccomb for paving the intersection of certain streets was received and refered to the Committe on Streets & Street Commissioner

An account of Pelsue & Southwick for certain printing was received & referred to the Finance Committe and Comptroller

A Petition of Catharine Myers for permission to have a Coffe stand near Engine House at James Slip and petition of Benj^{n} Davis for stall N^{o} 39. in fly Market. were received and refered to the Market Committe

A petition of Goodhue & Swift to Store a quantity of [390] Hemp in No 70 & 72 Fire proof Stores in Washingto[n] Street was receeived and granted under the directions of the Fire Wardens of the ward

A Petition of James Barkley praying payment of ground taken for opening Walker Street was received and refered to the Street Committe

Petition of Samuel L Page and Adolph Brower foreman of the Greenwich Watch praying that the arrangement of said Watch might be changed so that Captains of said Watch might be appointed and praying appointment as Captains of said watch was received & referred to the watch Committe

Petition of Lee Peck for appointment of Wood Inspector and of Martin S Ramsay for appointment of Street Inspector were received and refered to the Committe on applications

A petition of William H Amet praying postponement of payment of an assessment for paving Corner of 4th and Broom Street was received and on motion time was given for payment of said assessment untill the first of February next.

A petition of sundry debtors confined in the Jail complaining of their destitute situation in point of clothing and of fuel was refered to the Commissrs of the Alms House

The Street Commissioner Reported that agreeably to the order of the Board he had contracted with John Anderson for building a Bulk Head at Brooklyn and suggested the propriety of contracting for filling the space within the Bulk Head to a proper level whereupon ordered that the Street Commissioner be authorised to make a contract for filling in the same

The Street Commissioner presented an assessment for Turnpikeing Morton Street which was confirmed and Isaac Keeler was appointed Collector

His Honor the Mayor appointed the following standing Committes which was agreed to.

[391] 1. On Applications
Aldm Caleb Pell
Cunnigham
Torrey

2. Building
Aldm Dickinson
Fish
Mr Morss
Vangelder
Douglass

3. Canal
Mr Morss
Aldm Buckmaster
Mesier
Mr Hardenbrook
Jones.

4. Charity
Mr Titus
Aldn Mesier
Mr Welling
Aldm Cunningham
Mr Van Gelder

5. Defence
Aldm Fish
Hoghland
Mesier
Carpenter
Caleb Pell
John Pell
Mr Hawes

6. Ferry.
Aldm Hoghland
Carpenter
Mr King

7. Finance
Mr Lawrence
Aldm Dickinson
Hoghland
Torrey
Mr Morss.

8. Fire Department
Mr Haves
Hardenbrook
Douglass

9 Lamps
Aldm Torrey
Caleb Pell
Carpenter

10 Markets
Aldm Mesier
John Pell
Mr Douglass
Van Gelder
Lawrence

11. Laws & Ordinances
Mr Jones
Hawes
King

12. Repairs
Aldm Torrey
Hoghland
Dickinson
Cunningham
Mr Titus

13. Roads
Aldm John [Morss]
John Pell
Mr Welling
Hardenbrook
Lawrence

14 Streets
Mr King
Ald Cunningham
Buckmaster

15. Watch
Mr Douglass
Welling
Aldm Mesier

[392] 16. Wharves Piers & Slips
Aldm Carpenter
" Buckmaster
Mr Jones

17. Assessments
Mr Lawrence
" Titus
" Hawes

A petition of Benjamin G Minturn and John T Champlin praying a Grant to them as Tenants in Common of a certain parcell of made ground situate near the new slip extending from Water Street to Front Street with a wharf in the east river in front thereof no Grant having yet been made by the Com. Council for the land so reclaimed

Also a Pe[ti]tion from Benjn G Minturn Wm Minturn & John T Champlin praying a Grant to them in trust under the will of Wm Minturn deceased for certain Lotts made Land in the 4th (formerly 5th) ward upon the East River, were received & refered to the Comptroler & Street Commissioner

A Report was received from the Collector of the Corporation which was ordered to be filed

A Representation from James Hardie was received stating that under the direction of some of the Magistrates in enforcing the sunday Law he had been prosecuted by a person whom he had interdicted in the sale of Oysters and that a Recovery had been had against him for \$12.$^{12}/_{100}$ Whereupon ordered that the Comptroler report a warrant for refunding the same to the said James Hardie

The lamp Committe on the account of Alexander Andrews reported that they had examined the account and found it correct whereupon ordered that a warrant be reported for \$502.50. for payment of same

On motion resolved that a Committe be appointed to examine into the present state of the Bridewell and to report to this Board what improvements may be introduced therein for the better regulation thereof consistent with the safe keeping [393] of the prisoners therein and the Public good

Committe apointed Ald^{m} Torrey, Hoghland [&] Cunningham

On motion resolved that the Committe of assessments have liberty to take from the Street Commissioners office the Maps of Bayards West Farm and Dlanceys farm for their use

Ordered that the Clerk have prepared and deliver to the newly elected members of this Board a Map of the City & a Copy of Charter & Corporation Laws.

The Clerk applied for leave of Absence for the Term of three Weeks which was granted

The Committe on the Petition of D^{r} Hosack presented a Report the consideration of which was postponed

The Committe to whom was refered the letter of Governeur Morris reported that they have had a conference with M^{r} Randall the principal surveyor of the Commissioner from which together with M^{r} Morriss's letter it appears that some arrangement and provision on the part of this Board will be necessary to give effect to their Plans and opperations that although from the above communication the Commissioners entertain the Idea of making their report within the time limited by Law yet much will remain to be done on the ground in measuring and delineating the Streets and avenues in placing and taking the elevation above high warter mark of many monuments &^{c}

The Committe from their present view of the subject are of opinion that a contract for finishing the surveys placing monuments and completeing the work marked out by the Commissioners would be proper still however they think it would be adviseable before any definitive step be taken by the Corporation to have a conference with the Commissioners themselves or some one of them to know more precisely their views and opinions on the subject they therefore recommend [394] that a Committe be appointed to confer with them and report to this Board what measures ought to be pursued in relation to the subject

All which is respectfully submitted

December 10. 1810.

Nicholass Fish
Peter Mesier
William Hoghland
Samuel Stillwell

which was agreed to and refered to the same Committe to carry into effect the recomendation of the said Report.

The ordinances for widening Murray Street was called up and John P Ritter George Cleland, Christian Tripler, Ebenezer Clark and Asa Holden were appointed assessors.

The following persons were appointed Fireman the Chief Enginier certifying the vacancies

Fire Engine Company N 1

Stephen Lozier Cartman No 133 Brdway 5th v Garrit Tinkey resgd
Isaac Paul Do No 94 Reed Street 5th v Rulieff Van Houten resd

Fire Engn Company No 4.

Anthony Chappel Painter No 210 3d Greenwich St Vs Geo Thompson

Fire Engn Company N 6

John G Bates Hatter 211 Greenwich St. 3d Vs Jacob Rich Resd
John Stymets Carpentr 75 Murray St. 5th Vs David Fowler Do

Fire Engn Company No 8.

Hezekiah Coffin Cartman No 3 West 5th V Robert Thompson Do
George Linsey Printer Corner Church & Walker 5th V Stephen Egbert Do
Christopher Simmons Taylor No 4 Chatham 4th V Sewel Dodge Do
Francis Odell Mason No 5 Church St 5th V Nathaniel Tyler Do

Fire Engn Company No 11.

John Q Johnson Sadler No 1 Water St 1st v Charles Ames Do

Fire Engn Company No 17.

John Baptis Boat builder No 82 Roosevelt St 4th v Davd Morgan Do

David Raynor sail Maker No 25 Banker 4th Vs Walter Mitchell, at sea

Francis Baptis Boat builder 82 Roosevelt 4th Vs Isaac Horn Resd

Fire Engn Company No 26

George Widdis Ship wright No 136 Division St. 10th Vs Isaac Wilsie Do

[395] Fire Engine Company No 34.

John P Demarest Chair Maker Charles St 8th V Joseph Woods

On motion resolved that it is improper that any member of this Board should hold any appointment under the Board.

On Motion Charles Dickinson was appointed a fire Warden of the 7th Ward in the place of George Buckmaster Esqr Elected a Member of this Board

The City Inspector Reported Ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances from No 6121. to 6154. inclusive which were passed

The Committe on the steam Boats presented a report which having been read and considered was agreed to and the said Committe were directed to cause the necessary papers respecting the Contract to be drafted and to report the same to the Board

Alderman Mesier from the Committe on the Petition of John Stevens rose to make a report and was speaking on the subject when Mr Hardenbrook rose and moved that the board adjourn, His Honor the Mayor decided that Mr Hardenbrook was not in order—Upon an appeal to the Board on the question of order they confirmed the decision of the Mayor the Report of the Committe was then read as follows

The Committe appointed on the application of Mr John Stevens for Leasing Hoboken Ferry with a view to establish thereon a steam boat Ferry beg leave to submit the following as the result of their negotiations

1st we have agreed to lease the Hoboken Ferry to Mr John Stevens with its appurtenances and privileges as now held and enjoyed, from and immediately after the expiration of the present Lease and for and during the Term of fourteen years for the rent or sum of three hundred and fifty dollars for the first year and to encrease anually during the said term in such a ratio as would double the rent of the first year in twenty years

2d [396] One Steam boat (to be built on such construction as Mr Stevens may Judge best but of Capacity and dimentions sufficient to transport Horses Chairs and passengers) must be placed on said Ferry and kept there plying as a Ferry Boat within Two Years from and after the commencement of the said Term under the Penalty of forfeiting the said Lease And to render the ferry still more accomodating it is further agreed that in four years after the commencement of the said Term another Steam Boat of such improved construction and dimentions as experience may dictate and of Equal Capacity at least. with the aforesaid Boat, shall be placed on said Ferry and kept there plying as a ferry boat

3d such accommodations as may be deemed fit and necessary for the steam Boats on this side of the River shall from time to time be made by the Corporation and in the interim between the commencement of the Term and the readiness of the steam Boats the Ferry must be kept on the present establishment or on one equally accomodating

4th The Rent is to be paid quarterly and in default thereof the usual remedies by distress Reentry &c are to be resorted to nor is the Toll or fare during the said Term to be raised higher than what is at present received

Mr Stevens has acceeded to the above terms and as soon as the lease is prepared by Counsel will on his part willingly execute the same, All which is respectfully submitted by your Committe

Peter Mesier
Thos Carpenter
Peter Hawes
William Hoghland

which was agreed to and the same Committe were directed to Carry the same into effect

The Comptroler reported Cash in the Treasury [397]	13.008.74	
Warrants not presented	326. 8	
		$12.682.66

Whereupon ordered that his Honor the Mayor issue his warrants for payment of the followin[g] sums

Lawrence & Van Wart watch	592.90	
Farrington & White "	592 90	
Goodheart & Hays "	755 30	
		1941.10
Jas Hardie Asst City Inspector 1 mo	62 50	
Andrew Otterson do "	52	

R Graves asst St Comr 1 mo		52	
Mott Hicks do		52	
Adrian B Holmes do		52	
Wm P Roome Keeper Potters field		30	
A Giles special Justice 1 Qr		250	
C Christian Do		250	
B Oblenis Clerk to do		250	
F Vaillant for Colours		159.40	
D King beer & punch for Corpn		62 75	
Evening post 6 mo subn		37 50	
American Citizen 5 mo &c		34 50	
Justis Dearman Ints on Bond		28	
Ed Meeks Blacksmiths Work		145 37	
Geo Collis Iron work for punps		112 36	
David Blakely repairing do		106 75	
Jas Richardson cleang wells		31 12	
			1768.25
Jno Anthon Inspe[c]tor 1st Ward		18	
J W Bracket Do 2d		24	
John Bogert Do 3d		18	
Ezra Weeks Do 5th		24	
R McDermet Do 7th		24	
V Nutter Do 9th		18	
Wm J Waldrom to paying Clerks		62	
Do to pay Marshals & Constables		137.	
[398] P Van Winkle & Thos Bolton taking Census 1st Ward		164	
J. Bloodgood & S M Willmut 2d		120	
P Aymar & John M Read 3d		200.	
L Fisher & M Jarvis 4th Ward		184.	
C Crygier & R Thorne 5 do		240.	
L Angevine & Geo Gardner 6th		204.	
B J Knapp & A R Martin 7th		200	
Holden & Hicks 8th		228	
Wm Brady & W Wilmerding 9th		196	
A Boyer & S Kingsland 10th		212	
			1948
John Anderson Acct Pier at Duane Basin		1741.50	
Anderson & Smith on Broom St		1000.	
W Allen 1st Installment for Bulk head at peck Slip		650.	
Abm Stagg Acct Delancy St	400		
Lispenard St	240	640	
Thos & Geo Lovett acct 4th St		540.	
Thos Scott acct paving Roosevelt St		370.75	
Abm Potts acct Green St		300.	
Kane & Darley acct Spring St		200	
Chas Mooney acct Harrison St		160	
Adolh Loss survg Elizabeth St		34 56	

W^{m} Stillwell & others making assessment for repairing part of William & John Streets	25.		
John Anderson repairing Piers & bridges at Vesey & White Hall	257.59		
		6129.55	
G Morris for Commiss^{rs} Streets & Roads		1600.	
Applications.			
Richard Furman Sup Alms House	3000		
John H Sickles for New City Hall	7819.15		
		10819.15	
New City Hall. $1000			$24.531. 5
Chairman of the lamp Committee			443.48

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OF

MANUSCRIPT MINUTES

DECEMBER 17, 1810 TO AUGUST 26, 1811

[1] In Common Council December 17th 1810

Present His Honour Jacob Radcliff Esqr President
Josiah Ogden Hoffman Recorder

Peter Mesier
Thomas Carpenter
Richd Cunningham
William Hoghland
William Torrey
George Buckmaster
Caleb Pell
Nicholas Fish
John Pell
Esqrs Aldermen

Saml Jones junr
Peter Hawes
Elisha W. King
John Morss
Michael M. Titus
William Welling
Wm A. Hardenbrook
Abm Van Gelder
Esqrs Assistants

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

A letter from John H. Sickles treasurer of the Building Committee requesting payment of the balance of the last yearly account amounting to the sum of $6819.15. Whereupon ordered, that a warrant issue for the sum of $2000 on account.

The accounts of the New City Hall from the 1st December 1809 to 1st December 1810 were presented and referred to the Building Committee

A petition was received from Abraham Stagg, requesting an investigation of the conduct of the Collector on the assessment of Mulberry Street between Grand and Broome Streets & praying that another may be appointed. Ordered, that the same be referred to the Street Commissioner

A petition from the inhabitants of Stanton Street, praying that the same may be filled in was received and referred to the Street Commissioner

[2] The petition of Thomas Fairchild requesting an enquiry into the conduct of the Inspector of Wood at Peck Slip and if found to be as stated in said petition, that he be removed. was received and referred to the Aldermen of the 2d, 4th and 7th wards.

An application was received from Gilbert Van Mater to lease the vacant corporation property in the town of Brooklyn above Water Street and for a new lease of the property he now holds, which was referred to the ferry committee and Street Commissioner

The petitions of Joseph Tier and Joseph Yates for butchers licenses were received & referred to the Market Committee

The petition of Jesse Hodges to be appointed as Inspector of wood was read & referred to the committee, to whom had been referred the subject of equalizing the wood districts viz Alderman Hoghland & Messieurs Lawrence and Douglass

A petition from Fire Engine Company N° 36, praying for four additional men was read and referred to the Committee on the Fire Department and the Chief Engineer

A petition from certain persons, burnt out by the late fire in Charlotte Street, praying for some relief and assistance was read and referred to the Committee of Charity and the Commissioners of the Alms House

A petition was received from Leonard Fisher on the Subject of the assessment on his property in Collect Street, On motion, that the same be referred to a Special Committee, it was negatived

The petition of James Mullany praying [3] an extension of time for the payment of his assessment upon his leasehold property at the corner of Prince and Elizabeth Streets was received. Whereupon Resolved, that the petitioner be indulged with respect to the payment of the said assessment till the 1st day of May next

A representation was received on the dangerous situation of the chimney N° 53 Charlotte Street, which was referred to the Superintendant of repairs

A petition from W. Brooks to be appointed one of the City Weigh Masters was read and referred to the Committee on applications

The attorney of the Board presented a statement of a difference of opinion existing between himself and the Superintendant of streets on the construction of *of* the 2d section of the law for the appointment of Superintendants of streets &c " which was referred to the Recorder

The Street Commissioner presented a map of Long Island from high to low water mark and from the North westerly point of Red Hook to the Westerly side of the Navy yard shewing the property of the Board

The Street Commissioner presented the assessment for paving the East side of Coentie's Slip, which was confirmed and Noah Jarvis appointed collector.

The Street Commissioner laid before the board a communication from Messieurs John R. Murray and William Ogden with Justis Dearman's account for building the pier on the North side of Albany Basin & repairing the old wharf; Whereupon ordered, that the same be referred to the Street Commissioner and Comptroller

[4] The Street Commissioner presented the assessment for digging

out Grand Street from Elizabeth to Orange Streets, which was confirmed and Lewis Angevine was appointed Collector

The Street Commissioner presented the assessment for regulating Willett Street, when John T. Bainbridge was appointed Collector

The Street Commissioner, to whom was referred the petition of James Barkley reported, that if James Bartlett, in whose name an award was made, on the 21st August 1809 was intended in favour of the petitioner, that the Board was indebted to him in the sum of $800 with interest from the 21st November 1809. Whereupon ordered, that the same be referred back to the Street Commissioner, with instructions to ascertain the facts

The following persons were appointed firemen, the Chief Engineer certifying the corresponding vacancies

Fire Engine Company Nº 15

William Ketliff Shoemaker vice James Gillard resigned.

John Defreezes Glazier 47 Robinson Street 3d ward v. Peter Brooker expelled

Fire Engine Company Nº 23

Barney Waldron, carpenter Nº 40 Provost St 5th ward. v. Moses Marsh resigned.

James B. Fowler, mason, Thompson Street 8th ward v. William H. Morris resigned

The City Inspector presented reports of ordenances from Nº 6155 to Nº 6255 inclusive, which were passed.

On motion, Resolved, that the Street Commissioner furnish the Superintendant of Repairs with a map, or if in his opinion, it will answer [5] as well, with a list of all the slips and bulkheads, which the board are bound to keep in repair

The City Inspector, reported that he had received returns from the Chief Engineer of the names & places of abode of the members composing the fire department of this city. On motion ordered, that the same be published

The Committee, to whom was referred the report of a committee, on a communication of Gouverneur Morris Esqr in behalf of the Commissioners for laying out streets, reported, that from a conference with Mr Morris, one of the Commissioners and Mr Randell their surveyor, they are confirmed in the opinion communicated in the former report, that the Commissioners have substantially completed the duties assigned them and will within the period prescribed by law, file the maps, field notes &c therein required. The Committee, however, perceive, that although the Commissioners may comply with the law so far forth as relates. to what is immediately incumbent on them, still much will remain to be done to give effect to their plans and operations and to satisfy the principal object of the law itself. The avenue and intersecting lines not having yet been measured and designated by monuments, so as to give a finish and precision to the work, to provide for this, the Commissioners advise, that M^r^ Randell, the surveyor employed by them be continued by the Corporation to complete the surveys and measurments already begun in conformity to their plans to place the necessary monuments &c. To furnish an idea of the probable expense of thus completing the business, the committee refer to an estimate and [6] information obtained from the Commissioners & Surveyor, from which it appears, that whole extent of measurement will be about 605,000 feet and the probable expense about 13,000 dollars that is about $20 or $21 per 1000 feet

The Commissioners also suggest, that as the statute, under which they and those acting under them have derived their authority will expire on the 3^d^ day of April next, that a renewal by the legislature of such parts and provisions as may be necessary to protect the Surveyors and agents, who may be employed by this Board, in like manner, as those heretofore employed by them will be necessary

To perform the work with the accuracy required certain instruments of peculiar construction will be necessary, which it is proposed, should be purchased by the Corporation for the use of the surveyor & made under his direction, provided the expense shall not exceed $1000; and that he shall take the same at the original cost, and that the same be deducted from his account at the close of the transaction. To this must be added, the cost of the monuments and the transportation of them to the ground, where they are to be placed, which will probably amount to $4000 making a total expense, now to be incurred of about $17,000 or $18,000.

To complete on the ground the plans, which the Commissioners shall present in paper, the committee think it would be adviseable for this Board to avail themselves of the talents and experience of M^r^ Randell who is willing to contract to complete the same in the most accurate manner and with the least possible delay, at the estimate [7] above stated viz $20 or $21 for every 1000 feet. For this purpose, they recommend, that a committee be authorised to contract with M^r^ Randell for performing and perfecting the surveys and measurements, placing the monuments and all other things necessary in relation to the subject

(signed) Nicholas Fish
December 17th 1810 Peter Mesier
William Hoghland

On motion by Mr Hardenbrook, that the consideration of the same be postponed until the Commissioners shall have reported & filed their maps and field notes, a division having been called, it was carried in the negative in manner following

Affirmative	Negative	
Alderman Torrey	Alderman Mesier	Messrs Jones
Mr Morss	Cunningham	Hawes
Mr Titus	Hoghland	King
Mr Welling	C. Pell	Van Gelder
Mr Hardenbrook	Fish	11
5	J Pell	
	Buckmaster	

Mr Jones presented the following resolution. Resolved, that the report of the Committee to whom was referred the report of a committee on a communication of Gouverneur Morris Esqr in behalf of the Commissioners for laying out streets &c be confirmed, and that they be authorised to enter into a provisional contract [8] with Mr Randell on the terms and for the objects specified in the said report to become absolute, on condition, that the report of the Commissioners with their maps and field notes be actually filed in the Clerk's office, according to law, prior to the third day of April next

A division on the resolution having been called for by Mr Hardenbrook, it was carried in the affirmative in manner following

Affirmative		Negative
Alderman Mesier	Mr Jones	Alderman Torrey
Carpenter	Hawes	Mr Morss
Cunningham	King	Mr Hardenbrook
Hoghland	Morss	3
Buckmaster	Titus	
C. Pell	Welling	
Fish	Van Gelder	
J. Pell	14	

Mr Hardenbrook gave notice, that he would move a reconsideration of the two preceding questions at the next meeting of the Board

On motion, resolved, that the communication from Charles Christian one of the police justices, on the improvement of the police department, be referred to a committee and that it be also referred to the same committee to consider and report whether any other [9] and what alterations and improvements are proper to be recommended for legislative provision on the subject of the police department and the administration of the criminal law in this city and also on the subject of the confinement of prisoners for debt and on such other matters as shall appear to them proper. The Committee appointed were Mr Jones Mr King Alderman Hoghland

The recommendation of Messieurs John Drake and Nehemiah Ludlam to be appointed firewardens in place of John Pell and Abraham Van Gelder, who had been elected as Alderman and assistant of the 10th ward and of Benjamin M. Mumford and Conrad Jordan for the same offices were, on motion, ordered to lie over till the next meeting of the Board.

On motion ordered, that the Finance Committee be requested to report on Monday next, with respect to disposing of the Public lots at Peck Slip

On motion, ordered, that the petition of *of* a number of inhabitants at George's Slip praying that the Hay scales there established may be removed to some other place be referred to the Alderman and Assistants of the 4th and 7th wards

[10] The Comptroller reported cash in the treasury*

[11] In Common Council December 24th *1811* [1810]

Present His Honour Jacob Radcliff Esqr President
Josiah Ogden Hoffman Esqr Recorder

Peter Mesier
Thomas Carpenter
Chas Dickinson
Richd Cunningham
William Hoghland
William Torrey
George Buckmaster
Caleb Pell
Nicholas Fish
John Pell
Esqrs Aldermen

Saml Jones junr
Peter Hawes
Auge H. Lawrence
Elisha W. King
John Morss
Isaac S. Douglass
Michael M. Titus
William Welling
Wm A. Hardenbrook
Abm Van Gelder
Esrs Assistants

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

The petition of John Higgins, who having lost his property by fire, begged a reduction of rent for the lot of ground, which he held on lease, belonging to the Board was read and referred to the Committee of Charity and the Comptroller

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* Although a space is left, no report is entered.—Ed.

The petition of Dennis Dougherty a labourer at the New City Hall, praying some assistance, in consequence of his having sustained a hurt from the fall of a roller on his head was referred to the Committee of Charity

A petition was received from Jacob Hays and George Goodheart praying that the watchmens caps might be repaired or new ones furnished them, which was referred to the Watch Committee

[12] A petition was received from Jesse Hodges, praying to be appointed wood inspector in the place of Hercules Mulligan who had resigned Whereupon ordered, that the prayer of the petitioner be granted

The petition of Henry Merklen butcher praying for a stand in Duane Street market in exchange fore one, which he occupied in the market at the State prison was received and granted.

A petition was received from Patrick M'Kay, requesting permission to transfer the lease of the lot N° 14 Augustus Street to John Dunlevy, which was referred to the Comptroller

A petition was received from Ezra Frost, praying for an appointment of inspector of Streets, which was referred to the Committee on Applications

The petitions of John Dennis & Samuel Decker severally praying for appointment to some office were received and referred to the Committee on applications

A letter was received from Gouverneur Morris Esq^r requesting the use of Sundry maps deposited in the public offices under the Corporation, for the purpose of enabling M^r John Randel to connect the work done, under the direction of the Commissioners, with the existing city of New York, in the map he is now preparing. Whereupon resolved, that the said M^r Randell be furnished with any maps deposited in the offices of the Comptroller or Street Commissioner, which may be necessary in his opinion, to finish the map he is now preparing, he giving receipts & [13] rendering himself responsible for replacing them in their respective offices

The following communication was received from the Board of Health

December 20th 1810

On motion, ordered, that a warrant be applied for from the Honourable the Corporation in favour of the treasurer of this Board, for the sum of Six hundred dollars. Whereupon ordered, that the Comptroller report a warrant for six hundred dollars in behalf of the said treasurer

Another communication of the Board of Health was also received in the following words

Resolved, that the Honourable the Corporation be respectfully requested to appoint a committee of three to meet committees of the like number from the chamber of commerce and this Board to revise the quarantine laws of this State and suggest amendments thereto. Whereupon resolved, that Messieurs Jones, Morss and Hawes be appointed the said committee.

The Committee appointed to equalize the Wood Inspection districts on the North River reported, " that they have viewed the several districts, obtained the best and, they believe, the most accurate information in their power and have divided the same as nearly equal as the nature of the case would permit

They therefore recommend, that M^r^ Young's district be the same as it is & always has been

That M^r^ Guest also be continued in the same district he now holds, and as formerly [14] held by M^r^ Paine and the whole amount of his receipts be kept by himself for his own use from and after the 31^st^ instant, as your committee are convinced, that it is but a very scanty support of a worthy war worn soldier

And that the district now held by M^r^ Crumb be given to two Wood Inspectors *of Wood,* M^r^ Crumb to be one and another appointed. The receipts thereof to be equally divided by them, or that they change districts weekly, which ever is most agreeable to themselves. Your committee recommend this measure with respect to said district from a great difficulty in fairly dividing the same

A H. Lawrence
(signed) William Hoghland
Isaac S. Douglass

which report was agreed to

The Board then proceeded to elect by ballot a wood inspector for the Corporation Dock, when Alexander Anderson was duly appointed

Petitions were received from Israel Wood and William Sutton praying for appointments as Wood Inspectors. which were ordered to lie on the table

On the petition of Barsillai Ransom inspector of wood in the third district, that Joseph George should act in his place, during his illness, the same was agreed to

A communication was received from Lewis Moore, wishing, that the Corporation would join with him in sinking another block on the East side of Beekman Slip, on the same conditions as the one formerly [15] erected by him. Whereupon resolved, that the same be referred to the committee on wharves, slips and piers

An account was received from William Peters and Henry Marsh for attending the Fly market on Sundays from the 29th July to the 24th December, amounting to $66. After some debate upon the subject, it was ordered, that the Comptroller report a warrant for payment of the same.

An order was received from the Court of Oyer and terminer and General goal delivery, directing the treasurer of the city to pay Elizabeth Hill thirty nine $^{6}/_{100}$ dollars for her trouble and expenses in attending the said court from Suffolk county as a witness in the case of the people of the State against John Sinclair for the murder of David Hill. Whereupon ordered, that the Comptroller report a warrant, for payment of the same

A petition was received from Abraham Stagg, complaining, that in consequence of Edward Moran, who had been appointed Collector on the assessment for paving Spring Street having omitted to pay about three hundred dollars of the money due on said assessment, he the said Stagg had been reduced to considerable difficulties, and praying that the board would cause the said money to be paid. Whereupon ordered, that the same be referred to the Street Commissioner

A petition from the members of Fire Engine Company No 7 praying for two additional hands was granted

A representation was received from David M'Call, complaining of light weights and small measures and praying for a remedy of the evil was referred to Alderman Mesier, Mr Lawrence and Mr Hawes

An application was made in favour of the Widow's [16] Society, praying, that the Board would either cart their wood or pay the expenses thereof. The following resolution was presented. Resolved, that the sum of dollars be granted to the Widow's Society towards defraying the expense of carting wood bestowed by the said society for Charitable purposes and for the relief of the poor of this city. After some debate, the motion was negatived

The following resolution was then presented. Resolved, that the Superintendant of the Alms House be directed to pay for the carting of the wood laid up by the Widow's Society for the poor, in distributing the same for the said poor. Whereupon, a division having been called, it was carried in the affirmative in manner following

Affirmative		Negative
His Honour the Recorder	Mr Jones	Alderman Torrey
Alderman Mesier	Lawrence	Mr Hawes
Carpenter	King - -	Titus
Dickinson	Morss	Hardenbrook
Cunningham	Douglass	4
Hoghland	Welling	
Buckmaster	Van Gelder	
Caleb Pell	16	
Fish		
John Pell		

The board then proceeded to take into consideration the report of the committee and the papers respecting Dr Hosack's Botannic Garden,

The following resolution was moved by his Honour the Recorder.

[17] Resolved, that the memorial of Dr David Hosack be agreed to, and that a grant and release be made to him accordingly, in trust, that he convey the said lots so to be granted to the State, provided, that in exchange for the land so to be granted, he convey to the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York lot No 84 containing five acres more or less as designated on the map of the Common Lands represented now to be held by the said Dr Hosack thereto & to report proper conveyances to this Board.

Mr Welling proposed the following amendment Resolved, that before this Board cede the street, running through the Botannic Garden for the interest of persons owning property, in the vicinity of said garden, as well as the public in general, competent notice be given & reasonable time allowed them to state their objections, if any they have, before the 1st day of January next. Whereupon a division having been called, the same was negatived in the manner following

Affirmative	Negative	
Alderman Caleb Pell	Mr Recorder	Mr Jones Junior
Mr Titus	Alderman Mesier	Mr Hawes
Mr Welling	Carpenter	Mr Lawrence
3	Dickinson	Mr King
	Cunningham	Mr Morss
	Hoghland	Mr Douglass
	Buckmaster	Mr Hardenbrook
	Fish	Mr Van Gelder
	John Pell	18.

[18] The question was then taken & carried on the original motion and his Honour the Recorder and the Committee on Laws and

ordinances were appointed the Committee to carry the same into effect

The Assistant City Inspector presented drafts of ordinances from N° 6256 to N° 6356 inclusive for the correction of sundry nuisances, which were passed

Peter Wright was appointed a member of Fire Engine Company N° 16. in the room of William King resigned, the Chief Engineer having certified the corresponding vaccancy

A report of the comptroller, on the petition of John N. Greenzeback was received respecting the renewal of his lease for lot N° 191 Common Lands was received in the words following

The petition of John N. Greenzeback having been referred to the Comptroller, the 29th October last, he respectfully reports, that the petitioner holds the lease of Lot N° 191 Common Lands twelve years unexpired from the 1st May next, at an annual rent of fifteen dollars. He is desirous of erecting a good house on the premises but the term being short, he proposes, that the Corporation should grant him a new lease for a longer time on fair and equitable terms, or if more agreeable to sell the lot; or finally, that if neither of the above proposals should meet the approbation of the board, that they would give him assurance that he shall have the preference, in case the Common Council should be disposed to sell or lease at the expiration of the lease now held by him.

In the opinion of the Subscriber, it would be unadvisable to interfere, during the existence of the present lease, for the following reasons. At the time [19] when the Common Lands were sold, they were disposed of alternately on lease and in fee subject to an annual quit rent. The supposition no doubt was, that as improvements were made on the latter, the value of the lease lots would be enhanced at the expiration of the term, for which they were sold, and then reverting to the Corporation could be disposed of in one mode or the other to greater advantage

By interfering at this time, either by sale, an extension of the lease, or giving assurance of preemption, the precedent would form a ground of authority for other applicants, similarly situated and inroads would consequently be made, in a system wisely calculated to enhance the public revenue

It cannot be presumed, that the petitioner need apprehend any other than a fair and honourable proceeding, on the part of the Corporation at the expiration of the present lease; should he be disposed to make improvements on the lot in question

From a review of these considerations, the Subscriber is fully impressed with the importance of not innovating or [changing] the system already devised, from a conviction of the serious evils, which may eventually result to the revenue of the Corporation, and the permanent interests of the Community

(signed) G. N. Bleeker Comptroller

Whereupon resolved, that the consideration of the same be postponed till the next meeting of the Board

The Street Commissioner presented a return of delinquents on the assessment for [20] Spring Street. Whereupon Noah Jarvis was appointed Collector

The Street Commissioner presented a return of delinquents on the assessment for regulating & digging out, Mulberry Street from Grand Street two hundred and fifty feet towards Broome Street. Whereupon Morris D. Camp was appointed collector

The Street Commissioner presented an assessment for Walker Street, which was confirmed and Noah Jarvis was appointed Collector.

A report was received from the Street Commissioner on the memorials of Joseph Houston, Patrick Kane and others, stating, that owing to the bad state of the health of the Collector on the assessment on Mulberry Street, it was necessary to appoint a new collector. Whereupon ordered, that Patrick M'Kean be appointed Collector on said street

The Street Commissioner, to whom had been referred back the petition of James Barkley reported, that he had ascertained, that James Barkley is the person intended in the award and assessment for opening Walker Street and that the sum of Eight hundred dollars was due to him, with interest from the 21st day of November 1809, which report was agreed to & the Comptroller directed to issue a warrant for the same, at next meeting of the Board.

On motion, resolved, that the Superintendant of repairs be directed to cause the Engine house belonging to the fire company No 7 to be ceiled over head, in such manner as he shall think proper.

The Committee on Laws and ordinances [21] to whom it was referred to report the laws, which are about to expire, and which it is proper in their opinion to re-enact, presented the following report.

" The Committee on Laws and ordinances to whom was referred by the Common Council, the laws and ordinances, which are about to expire, and which it is proper in their opinion to re-ordain with or without amendments respectfully report, that the laws & ordinances contained in the printed volume, will very shortly have been three years in operation since they have been first passed, without having been renewed and must consequently be re-ordained or they will cease to be in force. The Committee have examined and revised such of them as would expire before the next regular meeting of the Board, if not now renewed & respectfully present the same to the Board, with such amendments as have seemed to the Committee proper and advisable. In some instances, the original ordinances have undergone subsequent alterations and amendments and these the Committee have incorporated with the original ordinance, thereby reducing the whole into one law. It is proper to add, that in the two cases of the ordinances respecting the Board of Health and that on the subject of the Alms House & Bridewell, the Committee have recommended the passage of temporary ordinances for the sole purpose of continuing in force the laws on the subject until more mature consideration can be had in regard to the establishment of a permanent system. This was done, in the case of the Board of Health, at the recommendation and by the desire of that Board, and in case of the Alms House department, because [22] the Committee wished to have the aid of the talents and experience of the present Superintendant, who is unable, from indisposition, at this time to give it

The Committee annex a list of the titles of the ordinances they herewith report for the consideration of the Board. All which is respectfully submitted

Samuel Jones Junior
Peter Hawes
Elisha W. King

The following are the titles of the said laws

1st The law for the due observance of the Lords Day

2d The law for the appointment of a City Inspector

3d The Law for procuring regular bills of mortality

4th The law for regulating taverns, victualing houses, and boarding houses.

5th The Law for the appointment of a Street Commissioner.

6th The Law for the appointment of a Road Committee

7th The law to appoint a Comptroller in the City of New York

8th The Law to regulate the public markets in the City of New York

9th The Law to regulate carts and cartmen in the City of New York

10th The Law for the establishing public porters in the City of New York

11th The law for the regulation and better government of the Alms House

12th The Law for the establishment of a Board of Health

All of which laws were on motion passed

The Committee having left a blank with [23] respect to the Salary of the Comptroller, on motion resolved, that the same be filled up with fifteen hundred dollars per annum.

On motion of Alderman John Pell, that watchmen should be stationed at churches in the evening of the Lord's Day, in order to prevent disturbances, during the time of Divine Worship, the same was referred to the Watch Committee, with power to do what they may deem proper, in the premises

On motion, resolved, that the Alderman and Assistant of each ward be authorised to employ one constable or other peace officer, on such days as they may deem proper to act, under their direction in preventing offences & arresting offenders against the laws and ordinances of the Common Council, for the due observance of the Lords Day commonly called Sunday & for suppressing vice and immorality.

Benjamin M. Mumford and Conrad Jordan were elected fire wardens of the Tenth ward in the stead of John Pell & Abraham Van Gelder junior, the former of whom had been chosen as Alderman and the latter as Assistant Alderman of the said ward.

Mr Hardenbrook, agreeably to notice, which he had given at last meeting, moved for a reconsideration on the questions respecting employing Mr Randell to fix perma[nent] marked stones, at the intersections of the principal avenues &c. Whereupon a division having been called, it was carried in the negative in manner following

Affirmative	Negative	
Alderman Carpenter	His Honor the Recorder	Mr Jones
Cunningham	Alderman Mesier	Hawes
[24] Mr Lawrence	Dickinson	Titus
King	Hoghland	Van Gelder
Morss	Buckmaster	12
Douglass	Caleb Pell	
Welling	Fish	
Hardenbrook	J. Pell	
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A communication was received from William Bridges, stating, on what terms he was willing to fix permanent marked stones. Whereupon ordered, that the same do lie on the table

Mr Hardenbrook then made the following motion. Resolved, that the Committee, to whom was referred the subject of the Commissioners touching the laying out of streets and roads in the city of New York be requested to report to this Board, at their next meeting, how far the Commissioners will have their map completed, and touching all the sections of the law appointing said Commissioners and how far their map will extend over the island, and whether they will or will not give the said elevations generally

[25] The Comptroller reported cash in the treasury	$7975.78
Warrants not presented	5226. 5
	2749.73

Whereupon ordered, that his Honour the Mayor be requested to issue his warrants for payment of the following sums.

Lawrence & Van Wart watch	$592.90	
Farrington & White	592.90	
Goodheart & Hays	755.30	
Alexander Andrews for lamps ordered on 10th December	502.50	
James Hardie for recovery of a penalty against him, ordered by Board 10th December	12.12	
James Gilland and others inspectors of election 8th ward	16.	
O'Neel & Lee sinking a well in 4th ward	37.	
Jacob P. Roome to pay workmen	200.	
John Marshall, filling intersection of Stanton and Pitt Streets	12.80	
		2731.52
Balance		28.21

[26] In Common Council Decr 31st 1810

Present Jacob Radcliff Esqr Mayor President
Josiah Ogden Hoffman Esqr Recorder

Peter Mesier Thomas Carpenter Richard Cunningham William Hoghland William Torrey Caleb Pell George Buckmaster John Pell	Esqrs Aldermen	Samuel Jones junr Peter Hawes Elisha W. King John Morss Isaac S. Douglass Wm Welling Wm A. Hardenbrook Abm Van Gelder Michael Titus	Esqrs Assistants

This being the day appointed for the visitation of the Alms House

& Bridewell the Board proceeded to make the usual inspection. Upon the members taking their seats the following business was transacted.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

The Comptroller reported Cash in the Treasury	$3145.92
Warrants not presented	2045.30
	1100.62

Whereupon his Honour the Mayor was requested to issue his warrants for payment of the following sums

James Hardie Assistant City Inspector 1 month	62.50	
Andrew Otterson D^{o}	52.	
Mott Hicks Assistant Street Comm^{r}	52.	
Adrian B Holmes D^{o} D^{o}	52.	
William P. Roome, keeper of Potters field	31.	
[27] P. Burtsell for maps, charters, laws & Stationary for City Inspector's Office	111.69	
William Peters & H. Marsh, Sunday services in Second Ward	66.	
Joseph Mangin taking profile of a mud machine	6.12	
Thomas Smith for repairs to City Hall, Jail and Bridewell	48.18	
John Munson for plank for drain in Chapel Street	122.35	
James Richardson cleaning wells	36.87	
Oliver Waldron, overseer of roads	82.62	
Thomas & George Lovell on account of Fourth Street	300.	
Thomas Finnigan, repairing Orange Street	45.	
Jonathan Pinckney and others assessors for regulating North Street	12.	
		1080.30
Leaving a balance in the treasury of		$20.29

On motion, resolved, that the Comptroller be *be* authorised to negociate a loan for 60 or 90 days, on account of this Board for the sum of fifteen thousand dollars from any of the banks or other monied institutions of this city or from any individual or individuals, on the best terms, which he can procure

On the application of the treasurer of the building committee, ordered, that the Comptroller report a warrant in his favour for $4000

On a similar application from the Superintendant of the Alms House, ordered, that the Comptroller report a warrant in his favour for $4000

An account was presented from David King for dinners for nine days to the court of Quarter [28] sessions, amounting to 41 $^{37}/_{100}$. On motion, that the Comptroller report a warrant for payment of the same.

a division having been called, it passed in the affirmative in manner following

Affirmative		Negative	
Mr Recorder		Mr Jones junior	
Alderman Mesier		Hawes	
Carpenter		Morss	
Hoghland		Douglass	
Torrey		Titus	
Buckmaster		Welling	
Caleb Pell		Hardenbrook	
John Pell		VanGelder	
Mr King	9		8

A petition was received from Fire Engine Company No 10 stating, that the engine belonging to the said company is old and in a state of decay and praying to have a Suction Engine of a larger size. Whereupon ordered, that *that* the same be referred to the committee on the fire department

A petition was received from several inhabitants residing on Hudson Square, praying, that eight lamps should be placed round the said Square and lighted in the same manner as in the other parts of the city. Ordered, that the same be referred to the Lamp Committee

The petition of Barzilai Ransom & George Mount Inspectors of wood in the third district, was received, stating, that the two small slips viz the New and Catharine Slips, on which they are limited in their inspection district are so crowded with other vessels, as to render it impossible for those employed in fetching wood to get births, in consequence of which a great [29] proportion of the Wood Boatmen are compelled to land their cargoes on certain wharves to the East, which are, at present, considered to be under the charge of inspectors stationed at George's Slip and on Slips to the Eastward, and praying that their slip may be extended so far East as to consider all wood landed West of George's Slip under their inspection. Whereupon ordered, that the same be referred to the Aldermen and assistants of the Fourth and Seventh wards

The memorial of sundry inhabitants residing near Bloomingdale, praying for one or more fire engines to be placed near their residences with suitable buildings for the same and to be furnished with a proper number of fire buckets and also for the appointment of a sufficient number of firemen was received. Whereupon ordered, that *that* the same be referred to the Committee on the fire department

A petition was received from Jacob M'Keag praying for the extension of his lease at Horne's Hook ferry. Whereupon ordered, that he have leave to withdraw his petition.

A petition was received from Joseph Hyde, praying for a permit to sell meat by the quarter in the Lower Fly market, which was referred to the Market Committee with power to grant it.

A petition was received from Robert M'Kraken (a minor) for license to drive a cart, which was granted

A petition was received from Gilbert Hatfield cartman, praying to be exempted from a fine, for running over a child, which was referred to the Attorney of the Board

[30] A petition was received from Jacob Nickels butcher stating, that he had, for some time past been sick, in consequence of which he had understood, that application had been made for his stall N° 15. Fly Market & praying, that he might be permitted to retain his stall. Whereupon ordered, that the same be referred to the Market Committee

A petition was received from Miss Abi*jah*[gail] Arden, stating, that in the year 1804 Doctor Joseph Browne, who was then Street Commissioner, had caused a canal to be dug through a certain lot belonging to her, adjoining Elizabeth Street, for the purpose of taking off the water from the adjacent lots, in consequence of which the said lot had not only been unproductive for the three ensuing years; but that she had been obliged to pay taxes for it, whilst, at the same time, it was appropriated solely for the use of the public and praying relief in the premises. Whereupon ordered, that the same be referred to the Street Commissioner

A memorial was received from Thomas Foote, stating, that he was proprietor of the two houses, adjoining the College fence, at the corner of Chapel and Murray Streets, which he had been informed were to be taken for the further extension of the widening of Murray Street and wishing to be informed of the intention of the Board respecting the subject. Whereupon ordered, that the same lie on the table.

A petition was received from John Alston, stating, that he had, for seven years, been Assistant to the keeper of the City Hall on a salary of $20 per month and praying, that the same may be encreased. Whereupon resolved, that the said John shall, in future, receive the sum of [31] $25 dollars per month

A report was received from the attorney of the Board, stating, that the jury had valued the property of William Lawrence situate between Water and Front Street, being a continuation of Dover Street and awarded the damages at.................................. $1388.

that the Sherriffs fees were	$6.84
The Jurors fees	12.
and the costs	35.
making in the whole	1441.84

which report was ordered to be filed.

The Street Commissioner presented an ordinance for assessing the expenses for opening the part of Dover Street above mentioned, which was passed. The appointment of the assessors named, viz Ezekiel Bishop, Solomon Wheeler, Robert Coles, Abraham Hart and Stephen Kingsland) were laid over till the next meeting of the Board.

A communication was received from the Attorney of the Board, stating that a precept was regularly issued in the case of Stone Street and the jury summoned and that after they had viewed the property and came into court to hear the testimony, Mr Peter Augustus Jay interposed a claim for certain property now used as a street and has been so used, since the year 1794, when the foundation of the large house of his father was laid, this property not being laid out on the map, Consequently not included in the precept, the jury by the consent of Mr Jay, under the direction of the court was adjourned over until the first day of the next Mayor's Court. As their [32] decision would involve a question of title, that was not before them either by the map or the precept issued. The Court advised me to take the direction of the Board, on the subject. Mr Jay is willing to submit his title to the recorder for his opinion thereon, and should he be found to own the property claimed, he also consents, that the precept shall be amended according to the fact

(signed) Isaac A Van Hook

Whereupon ordered, that a survey shall be made, which shall include all the ground included in Mr Jay's title

The Street Commissioner presented a report on the account of John Anderson for building three piers viz one at Charlotte Slip, one in the Corporation Basin, and one in the Duane Basin. Whereupon ordered, that the account for building the pier at Charlotte Slip be referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Seventh ward; That the account for building the pier on the Corporation Basin be referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Seventh ward; the account for building the pier on the Corporation basin to the Alderman and Assistant of the Third Ward and the account for building a pier in Duane Street basin to the Alderman and Assistant of the Fifth Ward.

The Street Commissioner, to whom the petition of Abraham Stagg had been referred back, reported, that Mr Stagg ought to be paid out of the treasury the sum of $284 95/100 due to him in consequence of the failure of Mr Moran the Collector on Spring Street and that the Attorney of this Board shall be instructed to take legal measures for obtaining the same from Mr Moran or Thomas Scott his Surety, which report was agreed [33] *agreed* to.

The Committee, on the Fire Department, to whom had been referred the petition of the members of the Fire Engine Company No 36, praying for four additional men reported in favour of granting the petition, Which report was agreed to

The Assistant City Inspector presented drafts of ordinances from No 6357 to No 6400 inclusive for the correction of nuisances, which, in his opinion, ought to be passed. They were passed accordingly

The following persons were appointed firemen, the Chief Engineer certifying the corresponding vacancies.

Floating Engine Company

George L. Beacham, ship carpenter No 15 Catharine Street v. John Cock resigned

Peter Stream rigger No 77 Bedlow Street 7th ward v. Edward Smith resigned

The ferry committee, to whom was referred the application of Gilbert Van Mater reported, that, in their opinion it would not be expedient to lease the vacant lots at Brooklyn, till the same shall have been completely filled in and regulated or to renew the lease, which Mr Van Mater now holds so long before its termination. which was agreed to

The Recorder from the Committee appointed at the last meeting of the Board, on the subject of Doctor Hosacks Botannic garden reported a conveyance from him for lot No 84 to the Corporation, which was accepted and ordered to be delivered to the Comptroller

The Committee also presented an engrossed deed from the Mayor, Aldermen & Commonalty to David Hosack, which was accepted & directed [34] to be executed accordingly.

The Committee on Laws and ordinances reported, the following ordinances for the consideration of the Board and which they recommend as proper to be passed. That they comprise such of the present laws of the Common Council as are about expiring, and are now reported for renewal with such amendments as the Committee have thought proper or advisable. They are as follows to wit

1st A law directing monthly reports from the measurers of grain, lime, charcoal, boards and lumber and weighers of hay and providing for annual reports by the City Inspector of the amount and value of the various articles of consumption and commerce imported into and exported from this city

2d A law relating to persons licensed by the Mayor to retail Spiritous liquors.

3d A Law directing the uses of the public seals of the City of New York

4th A Law to regulate the sale of fire wood and for the appointment of Inspectors thereof

5th A Law to prevent the setting of fences or other obstructions in the river within the limits & jurisdiction of this city

6th A Law for the regulation of the City Prison and Bridewell and for the appointment of a keeper thereof.

7th A Law for the better regulation of the city watch and for the division of the city into districts for that purpose

8th A Law for establishing the assize & regulating the inspection of bread.

9th A Law to regulate the sale of Charcoal

10th [35] A Law *to* regulating the driving of horses, carts and carriages and sleds in the city of New York

11th A Law for the establishment of signal poles on Staten Island

12th A Law to regulate the admission of Freemen

13th A law to regulate the fees of weigh masters and measurers

All of which laws were passed.

The Committee on Laws & ordinances presented, the following report on the account of Samuel Cowdrey Esqr late Attorney of the Board, viz "that they had examined the bill presented by Samuel Cowdrey, which consists principally of taxable costs, and the usual charges for conveyances amounting in all to the sum of $632.64 which after due examination & reference to the Comptroller on the subject, they are satisfied is correct. Your committee further report that Mr Cowdrey has credited the Corporation in the said account with the sum of $193.54 for a note of one Ross, the amount of which he has not received and probably never will obtain, the said Ross having been discharged under the Act for granting relief in cases of Insolvency and Your committee submit to the Common Council, whether the same ought to be regarded as a payment to him, or the loss of it be borne by him or the Corporation. If he is not to give credit for that note, then the full sum of $632.64 above stated will be due to him; but if that note is to be credited by him as a payment, then the sum of $439.10. will be the bal^e^ due him

Samuel Jones Jun^r^
(signed) Peter Hawes
E. W. King

[36] Whereupon, ordered, that the said report be agreed to and the Comptroller was directed to issue his warrant in favour of the said Samuel Cowdrey for the sum of $632.64

On motion, Resolved, that the Collector of the Common Council be directed, to furnish by the next meeting of this Board to the Comptroller a list containing the names of all the persons, from whom the Corporation revenues collected by him are payable and the respective amounts payable by each, and the estates, on which the same are chargeable, distinguishing these sums, which are in arrear; and such other information in relation thereto as may be in his power, and Resolved that the Clerk communicate to the said Collector a copy of this resolution.

An application was received from John Wintingham for the use of a small fire engine now in the possession of M^r^ Nichols to be sent to Newton Long Island to clear a coal pit of water, which was agreed to

Resolved, that the printer of the Columbian be employed by this Board to publish their laws and ordinances, on the same terms as the other printers of News papers employed by this Board

On motion of Alderman Mesier, resolved, that the Committee, to whom the subject of Canal Street was referred, be authorised to deliver up the papers relative to the same to the persons, who are about to petition the legislature on that subject.

On motion, resolved, that the fire wardens of the different wards be requested by the Clerk of this Board to attend to their duty without delay and report thereon

[37] In Common Council January 7th 1811

Present His Honour Jacob Radcliff Esq^{r} Mayor President
the Recorder

Peter Mesier	Esq^{s} Aldermen	Aug^{e} H. Lawrence	Esq^{s} Assistants
Charles Dickinson		Sam^{l} Jones Jun^{r}	
Thomas Carpenter		Peter Hawes	
Richard Cunningham		Elisha W. King.	
William Hoghland		John Morss	
William Torrey		Isaac S. Douglass	
George Buckmaster		William Welling	
John Pell		W^{m} A. Hardenbrook	

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

The Comptroller presented a report, stating, that agreeably to a resolution of the Board, passed the 31st ult. authorising him to borrow $15,000, he had obtained of the Manhattan Company $10,000 payable 2^{d} February, at an interest of 6 per Cent; that a larger sum could have been obtained; but that as the treasury had lately been replenished by a deposit of Cash on account of vendue sales, a further loan, at present, was unnecessary. He also stated, that of the said sum of $10,000, a warrant for $4000 had on the 4th inst^{t} been issued in favour of the Superintendant of the Alms House and another for $4000 in favour of the treasurer of the New City Hall

A petition was received from Henry Abeel and Mathias Crane, turnkeys of Bridewell, praying for an increase of salary, which was referred to the Committee appointed to visit the Alms House & Bridewell

A petition was received from Israel Wood to be appointed Wood Inspector. Whereupon the said [38] Israel Wood was appointed inspector of the thirteenth Wood Inspection district.

A petition was received from a number of cartmen, praying for an increase of compensation for carting fire wood, which was referred to the Committee on applications

A petition was received from Thomas Scott praying for an indulgence of time to pay the money, in which he was bound, as surety for Edward Moran Collector on certain streets. Whereupon resolved, that he have an indulgence for six months on giving surety satisfactory to the Comptroller

A petition was received from a number of inhabitants, praying, that a watchman may be stationed at the corner of Spring & Sullivan Streets. Ordered, that the same be referred to the Watch Committee and the Alderman and Assistant of the Eighth ward

A petition was received from John Stanley praying compensation for damage sustained by him in opening Green Street. Whereupon resolved, that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition

A petition was received from Stephen Bourdett and Jacob Peterson, stating their desire to contract with the Corporation for the wharves, piers and slips belonging to the Common Council. Ordered that the same lie on the table.

The City Collector presented a report in the words following

The City Collector, in compliance with the resolution of the Board, thinks it his duty to present all the information in his power

The City Collector, in compliance with the resolution of the Board, thinks it his duty to present all the information in his power respecting the object of their enquiries, although at the same [39] time, he begs leave to state to the Honourable the Board, that, in making such communication, he is giving up a private property, the procuring of which has cost him much time and trouble

When the Collector was appointed to the office, which he now holds, all in that department was confusion. Accounts had been permitted to remain unpaid from one to fourteen years and the Water Lots were generally entered in the Leger to names different from those, to whom they were granted, and some of these grants were so early as the year 1734. To find such persons as Sir Peter Warren and many others in the Leger was impossible. The Collector, therefore, determined to make two maps viz one of the East and the other of the North River Water Lots. One of these is 42 feet in length and the other 19. By making these maps, finding the present owners, and dividing the grants amongst each, according to the extents, which they respectively occupy, he has been able to ascertain the exact sum, which each person had to pay; but in executing this business, the Collector found it to be a work of immense labour, as he had to procure his information from very old and almost destroyed papers and likewise from several of the oldest inhabitants of the City. About nine months of incessant industry and application were devoted to this work before it could be completed. He likewise found his own paper; as he intended that the said maps should be his own private property, that he might thereby be enabled the more effectually to execute the duties of his office. The Honourable the Corporation, however, having called for all the information he possesses respecting his department, that information will be now communicated to the utmost of his power

[40] The Collector further states, that in the first year after his appointment, he collected the sum of \$58.524 $^{90}/_{100}$: in the second year

\$70.428 $^{52}/_{100}$ and in the third year, ending the 18th ult. the sum of \$61.446 $^{16}/_{100}$. He further begs leave to add, that Mr Wynkoop his predecessor was to have received at the rate of five per cent for all monies, which he should collect; but finding it impossible to make wages upon these terms, he resigned in about 6 weeks after his appointment.

It will be obvious to the Board from the statement the Collector has made as above of the monies, which he has paid into the City Treasury, that his compensation has not amounted to one per Cent, and he is persuaded, that if he had not made the said maps, he could not be able to collect one third part of the money, which he now does

In complying, therefore, with the resolution of the Board of the 31st ult; he does it in full confidence, that their justice and liberality will be manifested in the compensation they may think him entitled to, for his extra services as above mentioned (signed)
7th January 1811 William J. Waldron

Whereupon ordered, that the same do lie on the table

The Street Committee, to whom it was referred to examine and adjust the bills of George Gosman and John M'Comb presented to the Common Council for payment, reported, that, under all the circumstances of the case, in their opinion, the total amount of the bills \$210.15 ought to be paid. Whereupon ordered, that the said report be agreed to and that the Comptroller, at next meeting, report a warrant for payment of the said sum.

The Alderman and Assistant of the Fifth ward [41] to whom was referred the account of John Anderson for erecting a pier at Duane Basin reported, that they had examined the work done by him, and that according to contract, he was entitled to receive the sum of eighteen hundred and forty three dollars, which would leave the sum of sixteen hundred and forty dollars, in the hands of the Corporation to complete the contract. Which report was agreed to and the Comptroller was directed to report a warrant in his favour for one thousand eight hundred & forty three dollars.

The following persons were appointed assessors, on the ordinance passed at the last meeting of the Board for opening Dover Street, viz Ezekiel Bishop, Solomon Wheeler Robert Coles, Abraham Hart & Stephen Kingsland.

The Committee on Laws & ordinances reported such of the remaining laws and ordinances, comprised in the printed volume and soon about to expire, as appear to the Committee proper to be renewed. They stated, that they had incorporated the several ordinances, which have been passed subsequently to the publication of the printed volume, on the same subjects into the respective ordinances relating thereto and they agreed to recommend to the Common Council certain amendments to the law " to regulate the inspection, cartage & sale of lime " the " law concerning ferries and the " Law to regulate sales at auction in the City of New York " &c which they respectively submitted to the consideration of the Common Council

The following are the titles of the Laws, [42] which the Committee reported

1st A Law for the appointment of Superintend*en*dants of streets

2d A Law to prevent nuisances and to provide for the security of the public health of the City of New York

3d A Law for preventing and extinguishing fires, and to regulate the keeping and transportation of Gunpowder in the City of New York

4th A Law to prevent the firing of guns and setting off squibs in the City of New York.

5th A Law to regulate the inspection, sale and cartage of lime

6th A Law for the regulating of public porters in the City of New York

7th A Law to regulate the landing and sale of hay in the City of New York.

8th A Law to regulate the lying of vessels at the public wharves & in the slips and to establish the rates of wharfage

9th A law for regulating partition fences and partition walls for supporting ground in the City of New York.

10th A Law to prevent improper conduct on certain days

11th A Law to regulate sales at auction in the City of New York

12th A Law to regulate surveyors.

13th A Law Concerning ferries

14th A Law to regulate the sale of horses, to prevent their running loose in the street and to prevent racing in the streets and highways

15th A Law to regulate the measure of coals

16th A Law to regulate the sale & cartage of manure, sand and clay and the inspection of manure [43] in the City of New York

17th A Law to prevent the flying of kites in the public streets & highways

18th A Law to prevent the ringing or tolling of bells for funerals in the City of New York

19th A Law for the better recovery of fines, penalties and forfeitures incurred by breaches of the laws of the Corporation

All of which were passed.

The following are the amendments suggested, by the Committee, to some of the preceding ordinances and agreed to by the Board.

Amendment to the " Law to regulate the inspection, sale and cartage of Lime "

In the first section erase " and at least once in every year "

Amendment to the " Law to regulate the landing & sale of hay in the City of New York "

In the last section, after the word " piers " in the 6th line, insert these words " And of one birth in the South East corner of Duane Street basin and from thence to the outer end of the West side thereof "

Amendments to " the Law to regulate sales at auction in the City of New York.

Section 3rd Strike out in the 3d & 4th lines the words " of such articles only, as are, by this ordinance allowed to be sold at those places " and insert " of articles of household furniture only " Also strike out the words " in Wall Street between Pearl Street & Front Street " in the 7th & 8th lines of same section

Section 5th Strike out the words " at any time in the forenoon " in the 4th line of this section and insert instead thereof the words " at any time between the hours of nine o'clock in the forenoon and one oclock in the afternoon "

10th Section. Strike out the whole section & substitute [44] the following viz " And be it further ordained, that it shall not be lawful for any of the auctioneers, or other person whomsoever to sell or expose to sale, at public vendue, auction or outcry, any dry goods, hardware or other articles, excepting household furniture, in any of the public streets of this city excepting as herein before permitted, under the penalty of ten dollars for each offence "

Amendment to the 5th Section of the ordinance

" To regulate Surveyors "

5th And be it further ordained, That for taking a survey for the purpose of regulating and paving streets; making a map or profile of the same and furnishing a statement in writing of the number & breadth of the lots & the names of the owners & occupants of the same, the said surveyor or surveyors shall have and receive at the rate of four dollars for each hundred feet, so to be paved or regulated, which sum shall be charged on the assessment of the street so to be regulated or paved

Amendment to the law Concerning Ferries

Sect: 1st Insert from the law of the state in the 1st part of this section

" That the ferry masters or lessees of the ferries for the time being, of the ferries between the City of New York and the island Nassau shall at all times, in the months of May, June, July, August and September in every year, have their boats ready for transportation of passengers and goods from half an hour before sunrise in every morning to nine o'clock in the evening and in all the other months of the year from Sunrise to eight o'clock in the evening and that no passenger shall be detained more than 5 [45] minutes, under the penalty of fifty cents for every offence, at any time, within the hours or times aforesaid. Provided the wind, weather or ice do not render the crossing of the river difficult or very dangerous And that the Lessees or keepers for the time being of the several other ferries &c (take in the remainder of the section & strike out the 2d 3d and 4th Sections

The following was presented by Mr Hardenbrook

Resolved, that in future the repairing of all intersections of Streets be paid for by the Corporation. Whereupon ordered, that the same be referred to the Street Commissioner

The Street Commissioner presented a communication from John R Murray & William Ogden with Justis Dearman's account for building the pier on the North side of Albany basin and repairing the old wharf, in order that the Corporation might take such order thereon as might be thought expedient. Whereupon resolved, that the same be referred to the Aldermen and Assistants of the 1st and 3d wards

An application was made in behalf of Mrs Morris for a surplus of about five inches of ground, included in her water grant, which was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Fourth ward and the Comptroller

The application of Samuel M. Thompson and Thomas S. Clarkson for water grants on the North River was received and referred to the Comptroller and Street Commissioner

On motion resolved, that John Bogart be and he is hereby appointed Commissioner [46] of the Alms House and Bridewell

Mr Hardenbrook called for the report of the committee for laying out streets, on the resolution presented by him and passed on the 24th ult: The chairman of the said committee being absent, no report was made

On motion of Mrs Jones, ordered, that a committee be appointed to examine and report a statement of facts on the subject of the necessary repairs of wharves and slips, wherein the corporation of the City are interested with others, with the opinion of what proportion of the expence of such repairs, the Corporation must bear, and whether in case the whole expence should be paid by the Corporation, any part thereof can be recovered from the other owners, and what steps, if any are necessary to be taken to obtain such recovery. The Committee appointed was Messieurs, Jones, Morss, King, the Comptroller and Street Commissioner

On motion, resolved, that the Superintendant of repairs be directed to obtain a list of all the public docks and slips belonging to the Corporation

The following persons were appointed firemen, the Chief Engineer certifying the corresponding vacancies

Fire Engine Company No 18

Effingham L. Embree merchant 438 Pearl Street, 4th ward v. George Cock deceased.

Fire Engine Company No 33

Charles W. Ivers merchant Scammel St 7th ward v. Thomas Timpson resigned

Lockwood Grumman Grocer Grand Street 10th ward v. Truman Bartholomew resigned

Substitutes were likewise proposed [47] in place of two persons, whom the said company had expelled. Whereupon ordered, that the same be referred to the Chief Engineer and, that he report at next meeting the cause of such expulsion.

The Comptroller reported cash in treasury	$21.167.14
Warrants not presented	112.80
Balance	$21.054.34

Whereupon his Honour the Mayor was requested to issue his warrants for payment of the following sums

Lawrance & Van Wart—watch		$592.90
Farrington & White	Do	592.90
Goodheart & Hays	Do	779.80
R. Graves Asst St Comr 1 mo		52.
Wm Somerindyke manure for the Battery & Park		413.

Public Advertiser 1 qrs subscription to 5th inst	$18.75	
John Mackay painting & glazing	400.97	
James Jenkins for ironmongery	220.82	
Joseph Watkins for timber	131. 5	
Patrick M'Kay 176 load of Stones for road committee	135.25	
William & G. Post, paint & oil	61.71	
Thos Smith repairing pumps in 7th & 8th wards	27.75	
Mathew Dikeman Do 8th & 10th wards	54.50	
O'Neil & Lee repairing wells in 2d 5th 6th & 10th wards	86.53	
Solomon Wheeler & others assessors for drain in Rosevelt Street	50.	
Thomas Finigan, on Mercer St	121.	
[48] John M'Comb, paving East side of Coenties Slip	245.40	
Jas Barclay, ground taken to open Walker St & interest	863.47	
W. Fish, for payment of Elizabeth Hill as a witness at court	39. 6	
David King dinners for court of sessions	41.37	
Chas Dickinson treasurer of the Board of Health	600.	
Saml Cowdrey late attorney of the board	632.64	
President & Directors of Manhattan Co for interest on bonds to 1st inst	600.	
Auge H. Lawrence interest on 2 bonds	461.52	
William Torrey chairman of Lamp Committee	800.	
		8022.39

Balance in treasy $13.031.95

[49] In Common Council 14th January 1811

Present His Honour Jacob Radcliff Esqr Mayor Prest
Josiah Ogden Hoffman Esqr Recorder

Peter Mesier Thomas Carpenter Charles Dickinson Richd Cunningham Wm Hoghland William Torrey George Buckmaster Caleb Pell Nicholas Fish John Pell	Esqrs Aldermen	Saml Jones junr Peter Hawes Auge H. Lawrence Elisha W. King John Morss Michael M. Titus Wm Welling Wm A. Hardenbrook Abm Van Gelder junr	Esqrs Assistants

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

The petition of Wm R. Thompson praying to be appointed one of the City Guagers was received. Whereupon ordered, that the prayer of the petitioner be granted.

The petition of Joseph Conklin for permission to sell small meat by the quarter in the lower part of the Fly Market, was referred to the Market Committee, with power to grant the prayer of the petition, if to them it should appear proper. A similar petition was received from Blaze Ten Brook, which was disposed of in the same manner

The petition of Hannah Russel & others representing, that owing to the stoppage of a drain, their cellars situate in Water Street were inundated with water and praying relief was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the First ward and the Street Commissioner

The petition of Thomas Foote, praying for payment for erecting the College fence was read and referred to [50] the Street Commissioner

The petition of Charles Mooney, stating, that he had been the contractor for paving Varick Street from North Moore to Provost Streets; that among the persons assessed was widow Vandenburgh, whom the Board had indulged in making payment for her assessment, till the 1st day of May next, and praying that a warrant should be passed in his favour, on account of the said assessment for $110.25 was read & referred to the Street Commissioner; and if found correct, it was directed, that, at next meeting of the B^d^ the Comptroller shall issue a warrant for payment of the same.

A petition was received from Benjamin Baylis and James Cunningham, stating, that they had entered into a contract with the Street Commissioner for regulating Beach and Walker Streets from Chapel to Varick Streets for the sum of ninety five dollars; that they had been greatly mistaken in the calculation they had made, and praying to be exonerated from their contract. Ordered, that the same be referred to the Street Commissioner

A peition was received from Abraham Stagg, stating, that agreeably to the report of the Street Commissioner, presented on the 31st ult; there was due to him (owing to the failure of Mr Moran, collector of the assessment on Spring Street) the sum of two hundred & eighty four $^{95}/_{100}$ and praying for payment of the same from the treasury. Whereupon ordered, that the same be referred to the Comptroller and Street Commissioner & that if the account be found correct, a warrant be issued in favour of Mr Stagg for payment of the same.

A Memorial was received from [51] Richard Varick stating, that he considered himself to be greatly injured by the conduct of the Corporation relative to his property at the Hudson River opposite to and South and West of Partition Street and wishing for redress in an amicable manner was referred to the Recorder, Mr Hawes, Mr Hoghland and the Street Commissioner

A petition was received from Jeremiah Warner praying payment of a balance of one hundred and ninety $^{50}/_{100}$, due for constructing a lateral drain in Jacob Street. Ordered, that the same be referred to the Street Commissioner

A representation in favour of Saxton Lamplin, who had been suspended as a watchman, and a request, that he might be reinstated was received and referred to the Watch Committee.

A communication was received from George Goodheart, one of the Captains of the City Watch, stating, that three of the Watchmen under him viz Jacob Holdron, John Hopkins and Isaac Van Wart had resigned & recommending the appointment of Daniel Vanhorne, Isaac Badgley and John Shepherd in their stead. Whereupon ordered, that the same be referred to the Watch Committee

The Recorder, to whom had been referred the communication of the Attorney of the Board, respecting a controversy between him and the Superintendants of Streets, presented the following report

"On the within application, the Recorder respectfully reports, that by the ordinance referred to, it is made the duty of the Superintendants of Streets to ascertain violations of the [52] laws, and direct prosecutions. In the opinion of the Recorder, all prosecutions for penalties incurred under the ordinances of the Corporation ought to be conducted by the Law Offices of the Board and the Superintendants of streets ought to direct him to prosecute and from him the common council are to receive information, as to the nature of such facts in case of application concerning the same

Jan^y^ 14^th^ 1811 (signed) Josiah Ogden Hoffman

Which report was confirmed

A petition was received from William Colley respecting an encroachment on the street, at the corner of Duane and Chatham Streets, which was referred to the Committee on Streets and the Street Commissioner

The Committee to whom the petition of the Company attached to Fire Company N° 10 was referred, reported, that as the said engine was the oldest now in use and much out of repair, it was advisable, that they should be allowed a new engine of six inch calibre with two hundred feet of Leader. Which report was agreed to.

The Committee, to whom was referred the petition of the inhabitants residing in the vicinity of the U. S. arsenal for one or more fire engines reported, that in their opinion the engine N° 10 with its leader should be loaned to them. Provided that they procure a suitable building to shelter the same and be responsible for its safe keeping and that they shall return it when desired by the Common Council. Which report was agreed to

[53] The Committee, to whom was referred the petition of the Deputy Keepers of Bridewell, praying for an increase of salary, reported that, in their opinion, an additional allowance of One hundred & fifty dollars per annum ought to be made to each Which report was agreed to & to be considered in lieu of the ordinary fare in the house

The Assistant City Inspector reported drafts of ordinances for filling up sunken lots & correcting sundry other nuisances from N° 6400 to N° 6550 inclusive, which were ordered to be passed.

The Chief Engineer, to whom was referred the case of the expulsion of two persons from Engine Company N° 33 presented a report, which was referred to the Committee on the fire department

The following persons were appointed firemen, the Chief Engineer certifying the corresponding vacancies

Fire Company N° 11

Robert L. Godby N° 9 Front Street 1st ward v. John Swan resigned.

N° 19

Isaac Dremer, cartman Prince Street 8th ward v. William A. Hardenbrook resigned.

Thomas Holmes joiner Sixth Street 10th ward v. Robert Seaman resigned.

Simon Demarest Junr Cartman N° 82 Hester Street v. George Aranfriest resigned.

Frederick Passenger, butcher corner of Bowery & Fisher Streets v. John Richard resigned.

An application was made on the part of Peter Schermerhorn, that a reward should be offered for the discovery of the persons, who were guilty of setting fire to his Rope walk, lately consumed by fire in Orchard Street in the Tenth Ward. Whereupon his Honour the Mayor was requested to issue his proclamation offering a [54] reward of one thousand dollars to any person or persons, who shall discover the offender or offenders, and give such information, as shall be sufficient to convict them of having committed the said offence.

A report was received from the Comptroller respecting the fiscal concerns of the Corporation, which was ordered to be filed and the Book and papers accompanying said report to be referred to the Finance Committee with authority to publish such parts thereof as to them might appear proper

A petition was received from Ann Bogart, praying to be released from the payment of an assessment of $12.50 for opening Banker Street. Whereupon ordered, that the Comptroller report a warrant in her favour for the said sum for the purpose of paying the said assessment

On motion, resolved, that the Captains of the several watch districts be directed to report to the chairman of the Watch Committee the names of such of the Watchmen belonging to their respective watch companies as are also firemen

It having been represented to the Board, that Peter Jay Monroe had demanded of the butchers in the temporary market near the arsenal the sum of ten dollars each for the use of his ground, and that he had threatened to prosecute them, unless the same were forthwith paid. Whereupon ordered, that the same be referred to the Market Committee with directions to report a statement of facts and that they be authorised to assign a place, to which the said [55] butchers may remove their stands in some of the streets in the neighbourhood.

The proposal of Alderman Carpenter that a new wood inspection district should be laid out on the East River, beginning on the East side of Catharine Slip so far as to include Charlotte Slip was referred to Alderman Buckmaster, Mr Titus and Mr King

On motion of Mr King, resolved that the Mayor and Recorder be added to the committee appointed to take into consideration the best mode of ameliorating the police system of this city

On motion, resolved, that Richard Furman Superintendant of the Alms House be allowed as a compensation for his services at the rate of one thousand five hundred dollars per annum; and that he be allowed at that rate from the day of his last appointment to said office.

[56] The Comptroller reported Cash in the Treasury	$24.309.52
Warrants not presented	2.205.41
	22.104.11

Whereupon his Honour the Mayor was requested to issue his warrants for payment of the following sums

Francis Lynch Inspector of bread bale on 1 Quarter	93.
Wm M. Somers Do Do	87.50
Z Lewis, 1 year's subscription to Commercial Advertiser	75.
Wm Janeway & other insprs of election in Sixth ward	18.
Cors Brinkerhoff, chambers for pumps & bells for market	263.50
James J. Myers, overseer of roads	33.91
Gosman & M'Comb, flagging &c at intersections	210.15
John Anderson on acct of pier at Duane Basin	1843.

Enoch Hoyt regg Morton Street	$177.
Abm Stagg on acct Mulberry St	100.
Charles M'Evers prest of N. York Insurance Company int on bonds to 1st inst $60.000 at 6 per cent	1800.
Richard Furman, Alms House	5000.
John H Sickles, New City Hall	4000.
	13.701.06

Balance in treasury $8.403. 5

[57] In Common Council 21st January 1811

Present His Honour Jacob Radcliff Esqr Mayor President
Josiah Ogden Hoffman Esqr Recorder

Peter Mesier Charles Dickinson William Hoghland William Torrey George Buckmaster Caleb Pell John Pell Thomas Carpenter	Esqs Aldermen	Samuel Jones junr Peter Hawes Elisha W. King Michael M. Titus Wm Welling Wm A. Hardenbrook	Esqs Assistants.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A petition was received from John M'Leod Executor of the Estate of George J. Warner deceased, requesting payment of a Bond due from the Corporation to said George J. Warner deceased. Ordered, that the same be referred to the Comptroller, and if there is no demand of this Board agt the estate of said Warner, that he report a warrant for payment of the same

A petition of John R. Johnston praying payment of a bond due on 2d July next or of part of the same. Ordered to lie on the table

A petition of certain inhabitants of the Ninth ward, praying, that John C. Kemmal be appointed overseer of the Roads. Ordered, that the same be referred to the Road Committee

A petition of Henry Hoffman for stall No 3 in Grand Street Market was received and granted.

The following persons were appointed firemen; the Chief Engineer certifying the corresponding vacancies

[58] Fire Engine Company No 7

Edward Smith hatter No 179 William Street 2d ward v. George Powers resigned

Jas Smith taylor No 288 Water	4th ward	Additional men
John Cock mercht No 13 Peck Slip	Do	

N° 2

David Navarro sailmaker N° 58 Anthony Street v. William H. Dominick resigned

N° 22

Henry Brush, blockmaker 69 East George Street 7th ward. v. Isaac Russ removed from town

Ordered, that the Chief Engineer cause a report to be made of the causes of the expulsion of Valantine & Parker from the said company as stated in their return.

The City Inspector reported drafts of ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances from N° 6551 to N° 6600 inclusive, which were passed.

A petition of Jacob M'Keag, stating that while Lessee of Horn's Hook ferry, he had purchased a piece of ground for a landing place, on the Long Island side, which was highly necessary and useful for said ferry, which he was desirous, that the corporation should purchase from him was received. Whereupon resolved, that the same be referred to Alderman Hoghland Mr King & Mr Hardenbrook

Requests were received from George Scott, Smith & Nicoll and Seaman and Rhind for permission to store certain quantities of hemp in Fire proof Stores. Ordered, that the same be granted under the direction of the Fire wardens of the ward

The Committee, on the petition of Richard Varick presented a report

[59] Whereupon ordered, that it be referred to the same committee with authority to employ counsel to investigate the title and thereafter to make a further report to the Board

A petition of William Standerwick for the hay scale in the 7th ward lately occupied by William Dennison deceased was received and referred to Aldn Cunningham Buckmaster Mr King

The Committee, to whom was referred the petition of William Coley reported, " that they had examined the premises and were of opinion, that it would be highly improper to grant the prayer of the petitioner, inasmuch as it would not only lessen the width of the Street (which is already too narrow) but make a projection beyond the line of the other buildings adjoining thereto "

(signed) E. W. King
George Buckmaster

which report was agreed to

The Superintendant of repairs agreeably to the order of the Board presented a list of the docks, piers and bulkheads, which required repairs. Whereupon ordered, that the same be referred to the committee appointed, at the last meeting of the Board upon that subject. viz Messieurs Jones, Morss, King, St Comr and Comptroller

The Comptroller reported, that he had examined the accounts & vouchers of the Superintendant of repairs; that on the 1st of July 1810 there was in his hands a balance of $118.91 that he has received since that time to the 1st instant by warrants $2193.70 and has expended $2288.89, and that there is in his hands a balance of $23.72. Ordered, that the [60] same be filed

A petition from the executors of John Thurman deceased praying a grant of a water lot near the foot of Dover Street was received and referred to the Comptroller.

The Committee on the petition of John Higgins reported as follows

" The Committee of Charity and the Comptroller, to whom was referred the petition of John Higgins, praying for relief in consequence of losing his house by fire, which he had built on a lot of ground leased of the Corporation at the corner of Catharine Lane and Elm Street respectfully report, that having taken the subject into consideration, they are impressed with the propriety of making an allowance to said Higgins in consequence of his loss by fire and are of opinion, that he should be allowed an abatement of three quarter's rent, which they submit for the decision of the Board

Michael M. Titus
Abm Van Gelder junr
(signed) Wm Welling
R. Cunningham
G N. Bleeker Comptr

Which report was agreed to

The Street Commissioner, to whom was referred the petition of Jeremiah Warner for a balance due to him for building a drain in Jacob Street reported, that the balance due Mr Warner is $190 50/100; that $182 of this has been collected and paid into the treasury; but Mr Warner not being willing to receive payment and the remaining eight and an half dollars uncollected, being assessed on a [61] widow, whom the Collector seemed loth to distress, appear to be the causes of delay.

But as Mr Warner has now waited a long time and the sum so small to be collected, the Street Commissioner is of opinion, that the balance due to M^{r} Warner ought to be paid to him out of the treasury without any further delay

(signed) Samuel Stilwell
Street Comm^{r}

Which report was agreed to and the Comptroller was directed to report a warrant for payment.

The Street Commissioner presented a return of delinquents on Spring Street assessment. Whereupon ordered, that a warrant issue to the Collector for the collection of the same.

On motion of M^{r} Hawes, Resolved, that the foremen and Secretaries of the different Fire Companies be respectively required in every case, in which they may recommend a person to the Corporation as suitable to be appointed as a fireman, to certify to the Board, that such person is not one of the City watch.

And Resolved, that the Chief Engineer cause a copy of the above resolution to be delivered to the Foreman or Secretary of each of the Fire Companies

On like motion, Resolved, that in all cases, in which a person shall be expelled from a Fire Company, it shall be the duty of the foreman & Secretary of such Company to report to the Corporation the cause or causes, for which they shall be expelled

And Resolved, that the Chief Engineer cause a copy of the above resolution to be [62] delivered to the foreman or secretary of each of the fire companies

On motion of Alderman Mesier, Resolved, that the Attorney of the Board be directed not to commence any prosecution on the behalf of this Board against Messieurs Codman and Derby or any other person on account of the shed erected in the Government House Yard for the protection of certain Merino Sheep until the further order of this Board.

A memorial intended to be presented to the Legislature of the State at their ensuing Session by the Board of Health for an amendment of the Health Laws together with the proposed amendments, was presented to the Board for their approbation. Whereupon resolved, that this Board will meet on Thursday next at 6 o'clock P. M. for the consideration of the same, and that the further consideration thereof be postponed until that time

The Committee on wharves, piers and Slips reported, that they had examined the head of Charlotte Slip and found some repairs were necessary to it and recommended, that the Superintendant of repairs be directed to make them, which was agreed to

On motion of Mr King, Resolved, that the subject of opening Roosevelt Street be referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Fourth ward and the Comptroller

An account of John Hatfield for refreshment to the peace officers, while on public duty on New Years Eve amounting to $15 was presented and ordered to be paid

The Committee on wharves, piers and slips on the representation of Lewis Moore respecting [63] a block or pier at Beekman Slip reported, that the proprietor of grounds between Beekman Slip and the center of the pier at the Crane Wharf be the proprietor, by whom, in conjunction with the corporation, the pier on the Easterly side of Beekman Slip shall be made, which was agreed to and the Street Commissioner was directed to report an ordinance for carrying the same into effect.

The Committee, to whom was referred the application respecting the removal of the Hay Scales at George's Slip reported in favour of said removal. Which report was agreed to. Mr Hardenbrook gave notice, that he would, at the next meeting of the Board move for a reconsideration of the vote now taken.

[64] The Comptroller reported Cash in the Treasury	$14.773.78
Warrants not presented	1786.99
	12.986.79

Whereupon his Honour the Mayor was requested to issue his warrants for payment of the following sums

Lawrence & Van Wart, watch	$592.90
Farrington & White Do	592.90
Goodheart & Hays Do	779.80
Jacob Morton 1 Qrs Salary as receiving Clerk & City Inspector	437.50
John G. Leake interest on bond $2000 1 year to 9th inst at 7 per Cent	140.
Abm Stagg, sinking 2 new wells in 10th ward	42.
James L. Jacocks repairing pumps in Fifth ward	32.75
Jas Richardson cleaning wells 3d ward	8.12
Abm Stagg, paving Spring Street deficiency of Edward Moran	284.95
Charles Mooney paving Varick St amt of Mrs Vandenburgh's assessment allowed her till May	110.25
Ann Bogart to pay her assesst for opening Banker Street	12.50

Archibald Smith ¼ of Contract for filling Collect Lots....	$291.42
Jacob P. Roome to pay workmen........................	300.
	3.625. 9
Balance in treasury	9.361.70

Adjourned to Thursday 24th at 6. P. M.

[65] In Common Council January 24th 1811

Present His Honour Jacob Radcliff Esqr Mayor Prest

Peter Mesier	Esqs Aldermen	Saml Jones junr	Esqs Assistants
Richard Cunningham		Peter Hawes	
William Hoghland		Elisha W. King	
William Torrey		John Morss	
George Buckmaster		Michl M. Titus	
Caleb Pell		Wm A. Hardenbrook	
		Abm Van Gelder	

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved

On motion, ordered, that 100 copies of the resolutions proposed, at the last meeting of the Board by Mr Hawes respecting the Fire Companies be printed for the use of the Chief Engineer to be by him distributed among the several Fire Companies

The Board, agreeably to the resolution of the last meeting, took into consideration the amendments to the Health Laws proposed by the Board of Health. Whereupon resolved, that the Common Council fully coinciding with the Board of Health of this city in the opinion expressed in their Memorial to the Honourable the Legislature of this state respecting an amendment to the present Health laws, having examined the bill proposed by them to be enacted into a law and being of opinion that the provisions therein contained would be useful and salutary, do therefore most respectfully unite with the Board of Health in their application on that subject.

Mr King represented to the Board, that [66] Joseph Dunkley one of the Marshals of this city, while in the execution of the duties of his office, was grievously wounded by the mate of a vessel, whom he had arrested upon process issuing out of one of the courts of this city and that his family were in consequence of his illness in a distressed situation. It was thereupon resolved, that Alderman Cunningham and Mr King be authorised to afford to Mr Dunkley and his family such pecuniary assistance as they should judge proper not exceeding in amount the sum of One hundred dollars

Adjourned

[67] In Common Council January 28th 1811

Present

Peter Mesier	Esqrs Aldermen	Saml Jones junr	Esqs Assistants
Charles Dickinson		Peter Hawes	
Richard Cunningham		Aug. H. Lawrence	
George Buckmaster		Isaac S. Douglass	
Caleb Pell		Michl M. Titus	
Nicholas Fish		Wm A. Hardenbrook	
John Pell		Abm Van Gelder junr	

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved

A petition was received from Peter Curtenius and others remonstrating against opening Washington Street. On the question of granting the prayer of the petition, it passed in the Negative

A petition from William Howard and George Fitch for leave to transfer the lease of No 101 Chatham Street to Adam Logan was received & referred to the Comptroller.

The petition of Joseph Otis for permission to store hemp in a fire proof store was granted under the direction of the Fire Wardens of the First ward.

A petition was received from the inhabitants of Pitt, Ridge, Attorney, Arundel, Rivington & Delancey Streets praying the establishing of a fire engine company in their vicinity was referred to the Committe on the Fire Department and the Chief Engineer.

A petition was received from William P. Roome Keeper of Potters field for permission to cut down some of the Poplar trees, on the [68] grounds of said field, which was negatived

*A petition of Elizabeth Glover, praying, compensation for injuries done to her fences & trees by a crowd attending the execution of Sinclair and Johnson on the 25th instant was received and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Eighth Ward.

A petition of the inhabitants of a part of the village of Greenwich, praying for an additional number of lamps was received and referred to the Lamp Committee

A petition of George Paff, butcher for a stall in the Fly Market, and

A petition for the establishment of a market at Gouverneur's Slip was received and referred to the Market Committee

A petition of Jonathan Hartman for the appointment of Road Master was received and referred to the Road Committee And the said Committee were also instructed to enquire and report to the

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* Marginal note reads *See Page 216.*—ED.

Board, whether some *amendments to the present system of working the roads cannot be devised

A petition from Samuel Nichols praying to be appointed Sealer of weights and measures was received and granted; and the said Samuel Nichols was accordingly appointed a sealer of weights and measures

An application of Benjamin Smith Lessee of the house belonging to the Corporation, at Brooklyn wishing a renewal of his lease was received & referred to the Ferry Committee and the Comptroller

A petition from Fire Engine Company [69] N° 13 praying for certain repairs to be made to their engine was received and referred to the Committee on the fire department and the Chief Engineer

The following persons were appointed firemen, the Chief Engineer certifying the corresponding vacancies.

Engine Company N° 24

John L. Gale Silversmith Garden St 1st ward v. Robt Calder resigned.

N° 30

John Graham, butcher, Bowery Lane 8th ward v. Charles Fisher resigned.

N° 13

William T. Cozens, mercht Pearl Street 2d ward v. Daniel Cozens resigned

Philetus Havens, mercht Front St 2d ward v. William Lawrence resigned

The Fire Engine Company N° 22 presented the following report

"The Subscriber, who is foreman of Fire Engine N° 22 respectfully states,

That John Valantine and Isaac Parker have, for the space of twelve months last past generally neglected to attend to their duty in aiding to extinguish fires, which have taken place within that time; that the duty of the other members, in consequence of this neglect became proportionably severe and they did lately expel the said delinquents (as they were legally authorised to do for such neglect)

That the said Company then elected two respectable Citizens to supply the vacancies so created, a return whereof hath been made to your Honourable Body. In taking these proceedings, it is believed, that no other than pure motives and a desire *and a desire* to consult and secure the [70] Public safety will be attributed to the Company.

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* Marginal note reads *See P. 144 & 166.*—Ed.

It is, therefore, respectfully requested, that the said expulsion and election may receive the sanction of the Corporation"

Andrew Yelverton Foreman

Whereupon resolved, that the causes are satisfactory and that the former persons recommended Firemen be appointed viz

Henry Merlin, rigger N° 38 Catharine Street v John Valantine expelled

John Birt, ship joiner 131 Lombardy St v. Isaac Parker expelled

The Committee appointed to examine the pier West of Charlotte Slip reported, that they have examined the new pier built by John Anderson on the West side of Charlotte Slip and in their opinion, he is entitled to the third payment agreeably to the contract

(signed) George Buckmaster
Michael M. Titus.

which report was returned to the Comptroller

The Street Commissioner, to whom was referred the petition of A. Arden asking compensation for damages said to have been sustained by a canal dug by direction of Doctor Browne thro' a lot of ground belonging to the petitioner on the West side of Elizabeth Street, between Hester and Grand Streets reported.

That previous to any regulation of Streets and lots in the neighbourhood of the lot in question, when the surface of the earth was in a state of nature, there was a pond of water between Bowery Road and Elizabeth Street at the foot of Bunker's Hill on the South side. And when a greater quantity of water ran into the pond than [71] could be contained therein, it found vent thro' this lot, passing off in a Westerly direction and obliquely across the lots and streets to the Collect Meadow, crossing Hester Street near the intersection of Orange Street. This was the natural state of the ground as long as the oldest inhabitants can remember

In 1803 Bowery road was regulated and dug down about 4 feet at the intersection of Grand Street, which made it lower than the outlet above mentioned and caused the water to pond in the road. The next year, Grand Street was dug out from Bowery to Elizabeth Street, and being not yet dug through the hill, the inhabitants were greatly annoyed by the standing water. To remove as far as possible, the cause of complaint, Doctor Browne ordered a ditch or canal to be dug from Grand Street along Elizabeth Street about 155 feet, which brought it to the lowest ground being at the said lot of Miss Arden

Doctor Browne being a man of science, & Professor of Hydraulics, very well knew, that the place the water had formerly made choice of must then have been the lowest, and all he had to do was to dig this as much as he had done the Bowery Road to make them of the same proportionable height to each other as they were before; and the lot being vacant he turned his ditch through it; and as the ground descended rapidly to the Westward, he had but a small distance to dig before the water of its own accord pursued its former track. How long this ditch continued open, the Street Commissioner does not remember, but it must have been until Grand Street was dug through the hill, [72] which he thinks was two or three years

All the above difficulties and many more originated in a miscalculation of the time it would take to dig through the hill

It is believed, that some have been much greater sufferers in this instance than the petitioner; but how far Your Honourable Board is *is* accountable to individuals for damages sustained by premature regulations of Streets, the Street Commissioner is not prepared to say, neither does he think himself a competent judge

But the trespass complained of is on the property of an individual

If a Street Commissioner, in carrying into effect the ordinances of this Board, pursuing his own judgment in contradiction to all advice of those capable of judging, finding himself embarassed, to extricate himself in some measure from the blame, should commit a trespass on private property or by agreement incur expenses, unauthorised by this Board, would he not as an individual, be bound to pay such damage and expense

In the opinion of the Street Commissioner he would and the Corporation would not be chargeable with such damage or expense. And as he believes the act complained of to be an act of Joseph Browne and not of the Corporation of the City of New York, he is of opinion, that the petitioner should have leave to withdraw her petition"

(signed) Samuel Stilwell S^{t} Com^{r}

Which report was agreed to

Alderman Mesier from the Steam Ferry Boat Committee reported, that in consequence [73] of M^{r} Fulton being detained at Washington a delay in execution of the lease for Powles Hook Ferry to the Steam Boat ferry Committee has unavoidably occurred; and as the period, when the present lessees' term will expire is so nigh at hand, as to render it impracticable for said Company to be in readiness to take possession of the said ferry by the 1st of February next, Your Committee recommend, that the Committee be empowered to extend the present lease till the first of May next, understanding, that such an arrangement will meet the assent of the said company as also be agreed to by the present lessee"

Peter Mesier
(signed) Peter Hawes
William Hoghland

Which report was approved, and the Committee were authorised to extend the lease as proposed in their report.

The Comptroller reported, that he had examined the accounts of the Street Commissioner for monies received and expended by him for filling in the Collect; that he had received $1609.70 and had expended $1627.30 leaving a balance due him of $17.60, which was allowed to him his quarter account audited this evening. Ordered, that said report be filed.

The Comptroller presented a report on the application of John M'Leod for payment of a bond due the estate of George J. Warner deceased—the consideration of which was postponed

A petition of the Inhabitants for Lamps [74] and watch in Delancey Street was referred to the Lamp and Watch Committees

The Committee on the Fire department reported, that they had enquired into the causes of the expulsion of Thomas Winship & Conklin Burtis from Fire Company Nº 33 and, in their opinion, the causes are sufficient

That they are informed, that in consequence of the said Thomas Winship having left a meeting of the company before an adjournment & without permission, a committee of the Company called on him in relation to it, and that he treated them with rude & vulgar language; and refused to meet the Company and set them at defiance

That Conklin Burtis has left the City several months ago and where he resides is not known.

They, therefore, recommend, that Benjamin Hadding and Charles Bogart the persons elected and returned by said company be appointed to fill their places

Peter Hawes
January 28th 1811 (signed) William A Hardenbrook
Isaac S Douglass

Which report was approved and the persons recommended were appointed firemen viz

Benjamin Hadding Grand Street 10th ward v. Thomas Winship expelled

Charles Bogart, brass founder Cherry Street v. Conklin Burtis expelled

The finance committee, on an account of Southwick and Pelsue for certain printing reported, that they recommend the payment of $\$50.^{88}/_{100}$ by this Board; the balance $13\ ^{68}/_{100}$ to be paid by the first Marshal Mr Curtis, which report was [75] confirmed and a warrant directed to be reported for payment of the same

Mr Hardenbrook agreeably to notice given at the meeting of the Board on the 21st instant, moved to reconsider the question respecting the removal of the Hay Scales at George's Slip; when on the question will the Board agree to reconsider the same, it was carried in the affirmative. A division having been called, the members voted as follows

Affirmative		Negative	
Alderman	Dickinson	Alderman	Mesier
	Cunningham		Hoghland
Mr	Jones		Buckmaster
	Hawes		C. Pell
	Lawrence		John Pell
	Morss	Mr	Titus
	Douglass	Mr	VanGelder
	Hardenbrook 8		7

Whereupon ordered, that the subject be referred to the same Committee and the Street Commissioner & Comptroller

On motion, resolved, that it be referred to the building committee to enquire whether some improvement may not be made in the manner of conducting the building of the New City Hall

On motion resolved, that the Clerk of the Board employ some person forthwith to make extracts to be made from the returns of the census and Jury lists and furnish a list of the Jurors in each ward to the Alderman and Assistant of said ward.

The Attorney of the Board reported the damages assessed by the jury, at the present session [76] of the Mayor's Court for opening Stone Street as follows.

" Gentlemen,

The attorney has the honour of submitting for the consideration of the Board, the assessment of damages made by the jury, during the present Mayor's Court in the case of Stone Street for widening the same between Broad & Whitehall Streets together with the expenses attending the same, viz

John Jay for ground &c	$920.
The heirs of Robert B. Norton for ground ⅔ of a lot	266.67
Building on same	205.33
To Mr E. Boudinot for ⅓ of the preceding lot of ground	133.33
Building on the same	102.67
Amount of damages	$1628.
Juror's fees	36.
Sherriff's fees	6.50
Attorney's Costs	60.41
	$1730.91

The building to be removed by the proprietors

January 28th 1811 (signed) Isaac A Van Hook

Whereupon ordered, that the Street Commissioner report an ordinance for carrying the same into effect.

[77] The Comptroller reported Cash in the Treasury	13.425.22
Warrants not presented	1463.52
	$11.961.70

Whereupon his Honour the Mayor was requested to issue his warrants for payment of the following sums

Saml Stilwell 1 Qrs Salary to 5th inst & balance of an account rendered	392.60	
John Bogart, carriage hire from 25th October to 14th December 1810	22.50	
John Hatfield, refreshment for constables and marshals on New Year's Evening, allowed by board 21st inst	15.	
Abraham Stagg on acct digging out Mulberry Street	100.	
Anderson & Smith on acct paving Walker Street from Broadway to Church Street	100.	
James Douglass on Hudson Square	100.	
Saml Delamater & other assessors on Lispenard Street, Harrison & Walker Streets	79.	
Jeremiah Warner, balance for building drain in Jacob Street, ordered by board 21st inst	190.50	
Richard Furman Superintendant of the Alms House	4000.	
		4999.60
Bale in treasury		$6962.10

[78] In Common Council 4th Feby 1811

Present Jacob Radcliff Esqr Mayor President
Josiah Ogden Hoffman Esqr Recorder

Richard Cunningham
William Torrey
George Buckmaster
Caleb Pell
John Pell
Esqrs Aldermen

Saml Jones junr
Peter Hawes
Aug: H Lawrence
Elisha W. King
John Morss
Isaac S. Douglass
Mich: M. Titus
Wm A. Hardenbrook
Esqs Assistants

The minutes of last meeting were read & approved

A memorial was received from Lemuel Skidmore and Amos Corning remonstrating against the valuation of a jury summoned to assess the value of their ground taken to open Washington Street. Whereupon, resolved, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition

A petition of Christian Small for appointment to the Flag Staff at the Battery was received and referred to the Committee on the Battery viz Alderman Mesier, Carpenter & Mr Jones.

A request was received from certain inhabitants interested in the assessment on Canal Street requesting, that the Clerk of the Board might certify, that a memorial had been presented to the Board on the subject, and that no measures had been taken to collect the assessment. Which on motion was agreed to.

A petition was received from the inhabitants [79] in the vicinity of North and Orchard Streets praying for the establishment of a watch in that neighbourhood, which was referred to the Watch Committee

A petition was received from Peter Pra Van Zandt respecting claims, which he has for the pier on the West side of Burling Slip, which was referred to Alderman Mesier, Hoghland & the Comptroller

A petition was received from sundry inhabitants for regulating and paving Orchard Street from Grand to North Streets and referred to the Street Commissioner

A petition was received for a lamp at the Fish Market in Vesey Street [and] was referred to the Lamp Committee.

An account of Bernardus Hart for a lost fire bucket was received and referred to the Comptroller

A petition of Abraham Potts for payment for regulating Green Street and from Thomas Palmer for payment for paving Elizabeth

Street from Hester to *Prime* [Prince] Street were received & referred to the Street Commissioner

A petition from sundry inhabitants of the 7th and 10th wards was received praying that the wharf on the West side of Rutger's Slip may be extended as far South as Front Street, which was referred to the Aldermen and Assistants of the 7th and 10th wards and the Street Commissioner

A petition from Oliver Waldron praying to be continued as superintendant of roads was received and referred to the Road Committee

A petition was received from J. E. West stating [80] that he was builder of the houses of Messieurs Lynch & Prime in Marketfield Street; that on account of the Springy nature of the soil in that part, the cellars were filled with water; & praying permission to dig a drain through the street to the river, was referred to the Street Commissioner and Superintendant of repairs with authority to allow the same, if they judged it advisable.

An account of Jacob Halsey for bulkhead at the mouth of Canal Street was presented and referred to the Comptroller & Street Commissioner and the Superintendant of repairs.

The Committee, to whom it was referred to consider and report their opinion, whether any and what improvements can be made in the Law concerning the police of the city and trial of offences therein reported

" that they have duly deliberated upon the subject committed to them and are persuaded, that much improvement may be made in the laws relating to the police department, particularly as it regards the punishment of petty crimes and misdemeanours. By a late act of the legislature, the jurisdiction of the Court of sessions in this city, has been extended so as to embrace all cases, except such as effect life, by which the business of that court has been considerably increased. The Sessions sit six times a year and usually continue about a fortnight each time. A great proportion of the citizens are exempt by law from serving on Juries, and that duty is extremely hard upon those, who remain subject to it, and has long been a matter of serious complaint among them. The present system is also attended with great inconvenience to parties accused, many of whom are committed to [81] prison for want of surety, on suspicion of crimes, some are falsely accused, and are compelled to endure a long confinement before a trial can be had. The same delay, which is sometimes the occasion of punishing the innocent is well calculated to assist the guilty to escape. The witnesses against them often reside at a distance, and are unwilling to be detained, or if they reside in this city, to avoid the trouble of attending court will frequently absent themselves, or in some way elude the *the* vigilance of the public prosecutor. Your Committee have found it difficult to devise a plan to remedy these evils, and at the same time to secure to the parties accused a fair and impartial trial according to the constitution and laws of the State. And before they proceed to draft a law to be recommended to the Legislature, they have concluded to submit to the Common Council the following sketch of a plan viz. That another Criminal Court be organized in the City to be denominated the Inferior Court of Sessions of the peace in and for the City and County of New York, with power either with or without a jury, at the option of the party accused to hear, try and determine according to law upon all indictments or informations to be brought before the said court for every pettit larceny, assault and battery, unaccompanied with no other charge, and disorderly house keepers committed within the said city.

The Court to consist of three judges to be appointed by the Council of appointment, whose duty it shall be to *a* hold a court daily (Sundays and certain other days excepted. The judges to have a salary of $ each per annum

That a Clerk for the same court be likewise [82] appointed, by the Council of appointment, whose duty it shall be ex officio to exhibit informations before the said court in a summary manner against all persons accused of any of the aforesaid offences & brought before the said court for trial. It shall also be the duty of the said clerk to conduct such pro[se]cutions, on the part of the people of this State, except in cases, where the court shall require the attendance of the District Attorney. The Clerk to receive the same fees as are now allowed by law to Clerks of Courts of General Sessions of the Peace.

That it shall be lawful for the Courts of Oyer and Terminer and General Sessions of the peace in the said city to transmit indictments for any of the offences aforesaid found by a Grand Jury before them, to this court for trial and to bind the Witnesses and parties to appear accordingly.

And the court shall have power to summon a jury once a fortnight by the ordinary process to be directed to any Constable or Marshal of the City; but shall not compel the attendance of such jury longer than three days at a time

That the party accused shall make his or [her] election, to be tried with or without a jury before the Court proceed to enquire into the merits of the case

In case of the death, sickness or necessary absence of any one or more of the Judges, their places in the mean time, to be supplied by the same number of the Aldermen of the city

Jacob Radcliff
(signed) S Jones Junior
Elisha W King

[83] Whereupon resolved, that the said report be agreed to, and that it be referred to the same committee, with authority to employ counsel to draft a memorial to the Legislature and a bill corresponding with the principles contained in said report

The Street Commissioner presented ordinances for widening Front and Stone Streets, which were passed. The Assessors named were laid over till next meeting

The Street Commissioner on the petition of Baylis and Cunningham reported, that he had examined the calculations of the contract and was satisfied the petitioners had contracted for less than they could afford to do the work &, as they were poor men, recommended, that they be released from the contract, which was agreed to

The Street Commissioner on the petition of Thomas Foote, reported, that he had compleated the wall at the side of Murray Street, according to contract, for which he was to receive $875 & recommended, that the same be advanced to him, to be reimbursed to the Board, by the Collection of the assessment, which was agreed to and the Comptroller was directed to report a warrant for the same.

The Street Commissioner presented the assessment for widening Murray Street, which was confirmed and Morris De Camp was appointed Collector.

The Street Commissioner presented a deed from John Jay and Peter Jay Munro for several parts of Streets, which were referred to the Comptroller and Street Commissioner

[84] The Comptroller, on the petition of William Howard and George Fitch to transfer the lease of N° 101 Chatham Street to Adam Logan, reported in favour of granting permission to the petitioner, which was agreed to

A petition of Jeremiah Tier for stand N° 29 in Fly Market and of Peter Chapel for N° 16 in same market were referred to the Market Committee

The Attorney of the Board present the following

" The Attorney of the Board has the honour of submitting the amount of damages awarded by the Jury summoned for the purpose of removing the projection of two houses, the one at the corner of Beekman Slip and Front Street, and the other adjoining Front Street, together with the expenses attending the same. On both of the Lots there are buildings

To the Heirs of John Rodgers for ground	$360.
To D° for building	350.
Lewis Moore for ground &c	280.
David V. Smith for lease	400.
	$1390.

Expenses

Jurors fees	36.	
Sherriff's fees	6.50	
Attorneys fees	45.	
		87.50
		$1477.50

For the amount of the preceding damages, the Street Commissioner will submit an ordinance this day to carry the same into effect "
Feby 4th 1811 (signed) Isaac A Van Hook

[85] Which report was ordered to be filed

The Street Commissioner presented a return of delinquents upon the assessment on Walker Street. Whereupon ordered, that a warrant issue to the Collector for collecting the same

On motion of Mr King. Resolved, that the Clerk of the Common Council be authorised to purchase for the use of this Board the Statute Laws of the Several States of the Union

The Committee on the case of Richard Varick reported, that they had employed Cadwallader D. Colden Esqr as Counsel for the Board, and that they recommended, that he be furnished with such documents in the possession of the Board as he may require, which was agreed to

On motion of Mr Jones, the following resolution was agreed to

" It being represented to the Common Council, that an assessment of forty seven $^{73}/_{100}$ dollars, on lot N° 16 Bayard's farm being the corner of Hester and Crosby Streets for regulating Crosby Street, has been paid twice, by the owner, Wm North first by Mr James Scott, on his behalf to the Collector of the Board & afterward by Mr B. M. Mumford on his behalf to the Street Commissioner. Ordered, that it be referred to the Street Commissioner & Comptroller to examine into the matter & if the statement be found correct, then that a warrant be presented for the said amt so overpaid in favour of William North, on whose behalf the same has been paid.

On motion, Mr Hawes was appointed of the Ferry Comme in the place of Aldn Carpenter, attending at Albany as a member of the State Legislature.

[86] The Comptr reported cash in the treasury	$10.548.57
Warrants not presented	1157.47
	9391.10

Whereupon his Honour the Mayor was requested to issue his warrants for payment of the following sums.

Lawrance & Van Wart watch	592.90	
Farrington & White Do	592.90	
Goodheart & Hays Do	779.80	
Jas Hardie Asst City Inspr 1 mo	62.50	
A. Otterson Do Do	54.	
R. Graves Asst St Commr 1 mo	54.	
Mott Hicks Do Do	54.	
Adrian B. Holmes Do Do	54.	
Wm J. Waldron Collector 1 Qr	158.	
Wm P. Roome Potters field 1 mo	31.	
Wm Willis coroner 1 Qr	166.53	
Southwick & Pelsue printing ordered to be paid by the Board	50.88	
J. Morton to pay sundry accts for trimmings to colours	42. 4	
Eben: Watson 2 demijohns wine ordered for 26th November last	29.	
John Johnson iron work for public use	154.11	
Mathew Dikeman repairing pumps	75.18	
John Hancock Do	40.74	
O'Neil & Lee clearing wells	28.	
Hardenbrook & Nichols lamps & cups	77.62	
Anderson & Smyth paving Walker St	140.	
Assessors fees for paving at Coenties Slip	30.	
Wm Bridges, fees for Walker St &c	16.25	
Jo Anderson 3d payt pier Charlotte Slip	1309.75	
Walter Allen repair of piers Do	227.83	
Saml M. Thompson for expense paid repg pier East side Peck Slip	139.39	
Wm Torrey chairman Lamp comme	2578.71	
John H Sickles New City Hall	1800.	
		9339.13
Balance in treasury		$51.97

[87] In Common Council February 11th 1811

Present His Honour Jacob Radcliff Esq^{r} President
Josiah O. Hoffman Esq^{r} Recorder

Peter Mesier Charles Dickinson Rich^{d} Cunningham W^{m} Hoghland George Buckmaster Caleb Pell John Pell	Esq^{s} Aldermen	Samuel Jones jun^{r} Peter Hawes Aug^{e} H. Lawrence Elisha W. King John Morss Isaac S. Douglass W^{m} A. Hardenbrook	Esq^{rs} Assistants.

The minutes of the last meeting were read & approved.

A petition of Eleazar Hathaway was received requesting to be appointed to the charge of the Flag Staff on the Battery. Ordered to lie on the table, to be taken up, when the report of the committee on that subject is considered

A petition was received from Jacob Halsey praying payment of the contract for erecting a pier at the foot of Canal Street. Whereupon ordered, that a bond issue to the said Jacob Halsey for the amount due him agreeably to the contract

A petition was received from Isaac Vanderbeck assignee of a bond given by the Corporation to James Walker now deceased, stating, that he now holds two bonds and wishes to assign one of them; but to enable him so to do, it is necessary for him to have a declaration from the Common Council, that the said bond is free from any claims for assessments or otherwise & praying the board to furnish him with such declaration on one of the bonds, the petitioner further stating, that he is willing, that the other Bond should remain as a surety for any claims the [88] Board might have against the estate of James Walker. Whereupon, it was ordered, that the same be referred to the Comptroller.

A petition was received from Charles & Henry Hewlett lessee of a Lot belonging to the Corporation lying at Brooklyn, praying a lease of an additional piece of ground, adjoining their lots. Ordered, that the same be referred to the Ferry Committee and the Comptroller

The following communication was received from the Superintendant of repairs

"The Superintendant of repairs has the Honour of representing to the Board, that the pumps of this city are frequently out of order and continue so for some time, owing to the circumstance, that the inhabitants are frequently at a loss, to whom, in such cases, they should apply for redress.

"The Superintendant, therefore respectfully submits to the Corporation, whether the publication of something to the following purport, in the papers employed by the Board and also in a number of hand bills to be posted up in the streets, would not answer a good purpose.

Resolved, that when any of the public pumps shall be found out of order, it is expected, that the inhabitants residing in the vicinity of such pump, shall without delay, give information thereof in writing to be left at the office of the Street Commissioner City Hall, at the house of Jacob P. Roome Superintendant of Repairs N° 87 Duane Street, or at the house of James Hardie Assistant City Inspector N° 51 Warren Street, in order that the most [89] prompt measures may be adopted to remedy such complaints"

(signed) Jacob P Roome
Sup^{t} of repairs

Whereupon the resolution proposed in said communication was adopted & 200 copies were directed to be printed, to be posted in different parts of the City by the said superintendant of repairs.

A petition was received from William Smith praying a lease of a part of the ground adjoining the Free School, for the purpose of erecting a small building for the exhibition of several paintings, which he had procured. Referred to Comptroller

The following person was appointed a fireman, the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancy viz

Fire Engine Company N° 1

Moses Coleman Stone Cutter N° 36 Robinson Street 3^{d} ward v. John Parker resigned

A request was laid before the Common Council, from the Engineers requesting, that a resolution of their body might be printed for the use of the firemen, which directs, that the fire engines in cases of fire hereafter be stationed so as to form a line of engines to and from the first fountain of water, which will afford a good supply. Which was granted & 150 copies directed to be printed.

M^{r} Lawrence presented the following resolution, which was agreed to

Resolved, that the Attorney of this Board be directed to make up his account current with the Corporation to the 1st of Feb^{y} inst^{t} stating all the monies received & paid by him on account of this Board, with the balance due on that day, and also [90] a statement of all suits commenced by him on account of this Board &c. &c. And that it shall expressly be his duty every three months thereafter to deliver his accounts to the Comptroller, in order that they may be laid before the Board liquidated & settled"

The following resolution was agreed to "Resolved, that the Street Commissioner without delay write to the Collectors of assessments for improving, regulating & paving streets respectively, requesting them to make returns of delinquents and a statement of all the monies received & accounted for by them respectively on any assessments, of which they have been appointed Collectors

The Committee, to whom was referred the account of John Anderson for building the pier at the Corporation Basin reported, that the third payment is due to him, that there wants some earth to fill in, and the old pier, to which the new one is joined wants repair. Whereupon ordered, that the Comptroller report a warrant in his favour for $1471.50.

The finance committee, to whom were referred the accounts of the Comptroller, which were laid before the Board, the 15th ultimo, reported,

That, in their opinion, the following property belonging to the Corporation should be disposed of at auction, at the Tontine Coffee House on Friday the first day of March next viz^t 3 Lots Common. Lands N^o 37. 42 & 43 on the middle road for 21 years from the first day of May next, at an annual rent. The lease to Henry Low for the above Lots will expire on that day. There will be 3 years rent due at $75 per [91] annum. The Committee recommend, that the Attorney of the Board re-enter upon the property and repossess the Corporation thereof

Lots N^o 24 & 25 on the South East side of Augustus Street 25 feet wide and 96 feet deep each, to be leased for 21 years from the 1st day of May next, at an annual rent subject to the same condition as the other lease lots on Augustus and Chatham Streets. The leases of these lots expired some years since, and they have been rented during the pleasure of the Board. As the rent has not been paid for nearly two years, the Committee think it would be best to dispose of them at public sale

The Cellars under Catharine Market to be rented for 7 years from the 1st day of May next at an annual rent. They have been lett to 3 tenants for $250 per annum; but it is thought, that more could be obtained at public sale. To be Sold separate.

Lots N° 1, 2 & 3 on the North West side of Elm Street 25 feet by 90 each for 21 years from the 1st day of May next, at an annual rent.

Six lots of ground on the South West side of Peck Slip between Front & South Streets, at an annual rent for 21 years. The buildings to be erected on these lots to be at least three stories high and fire proof

The Store and Lot N° 233 Front Street next to the corner of Peck Slip, occupied by Benjamin Mott; at an annual rent for 21 years from the 1st day of May next. The purchaser to be obligated to cut off the East end of the building as much as will reduce it to 28 feet 3 inches and to [92] have the gable inclosed before the first of June next, at his own expense

Five Centre Lots of ground, on the South side of Magazine Street between Elm and Cross Streets to be leased for 21 years from the 1st day of May next, at an annual rent

They also recommend, that the Comptroller be directed to advertise to receive sealed proposals for the Fly Market ferry for 3 years from the 1st May next, also for Wehawk and Bull's ferries for the same term Likewise for two years for the Docks and Slips from the 1st May.

The following unappropriated property belonging to the Corporation, it is proposed to leave till the Spring, viz

The Collect Lots

Inclinburgh Lots, N° 1, 6, 9, 15, 59 sold to James Walker and relinquished by consent of the Board.

N° 17 sold to John Murphy, 32 sold to John Graham, 42 & 43 sold to Saml J Borraive, on which no payments have been made

Common Lands

N° 110 Bought of Philip Brasher 4th May 1808 for $2000

N° 84 Granted by Dr Hosack 31st Decr 1810

N° 188, 56, 59 not sold

N° 162 About 14 acres leased to Oliver Vanderbilt and reentered for rent due

Eight Lots, at the intersection of Albany Avenue and the Post Road

Lots on Chatham Street near the Free School

About three quarters of an acre out of [93] town near the property of Peter Pra Van Zandt

(signed) Augustine H. Lawrence
William Hoghland
John Morss
Charles Dickinson
finance Comm^e

Which report was approved, and the Comptroller was directed to lease the lots therein mentioned agreeably thereto

The Watch Committee on the account of the watchmen, constables &c for conveying vagrants to Bridewell reported

"That they found the above account amounting to \$165 $^{35}/_{100}$ among the papers referred to the late Watch committee. As to the propriety of the charge, they have made enquiry of several persons and from the information received, have no doubt as to its being correct. Among the reasons, which induce your committee to report favourably on the account, they beg leave to mention that the present account has been officially audited by the Comptroller as a charge regularly made for a number of years, as will appear by the records of his office

(signed) Isaac S. Douglass
Peter Mesier

Which report was agreed to and the comptroller directed to prepare a warrant for \$165 $^{35}/_{100}$ for payment of the same.

The City Inspector reported drafts of ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances from N° 6700 to N° 6850 inclusive, which were ordered to be passed.

A petition of William Colley, praying, that the Corporation would re-enter upon certain ground leased to him at the corner of Duane and [94] Chatham Streets, a part of which was an encroachment on the Public Streets. Ordered to be referred to the Attorney of the Board

The Market Committee, on the several petitions of Peter Chaple, George Paff, Benjamin Davis, Jeremiah Tier and David Johnson for stands N° 16, 18, 28, 29 & 35 Fly Market reported in favour of the petitioners, which was agreed to

The Battery Committee reported, that as the season, in which the battery, its walks, grass and trees should be strictly attended to is nigh at hand, the Committee have had the subject under their serious consideration & have agreed to recommend to the Board Abner Curtis to rent the same for one year from the first day of April next at the rate of five hundred dollars & on the terms and conditions mentioned in an agrement, which they had prepared for the said Abner Curtis to execute, in case the same should be agreed to

(signed) Peter Mesier
S. Jones Jun^r

Whereupon resolved, that the Board approve of the principles of said report and of the conditions, on which the said flag staff shall be rented. It was then moved, that, as there were several applications for the situation of Keeper of the Flag Staff, the Board proceed to chose by ballot the person, to whom the same should be rented, which was agreed to. Upon counting the ballots, Abner Curtis had 7 votes & Eleazar Hathaway had eight votes. Whereupon it was resolved, that the said Flag Staff be rented to the said Eleazar Hathaway upon the terms mentioned in said report and that he give a [95] bond with sufficient security in the sum of $1000 to be approved of by the Comptroller, for the payment of the rent and for the faithful performance of the conditions of the agreement

The Committee, to whom was referred the report of a former committee, on the application of sundry inhabitants of the Seventh ward, praying for the removal of the hay scales at George's Slip reported, That it would be inexpedient for the Corporation to have a pier carried out on the South westerly side of Gouverneur Street, at the present time; and on referring to D^r Romayne's Grant, they are of opinion, that he is not obligated to carry out a pier beyond his present grant; & if the same should be commenced by order of the Board, the expense will consequently fall on them, which the subscribers think the Corporation ought not to incur under present circumstances

If a suitable spot can be designated for the Hay Scales, the removal from George's Slip would not be improper & the committee further recommend the Slip at the foot of Gouverneur S^t as a suitable place for the erection of the hay scales

G. Buckmaster
R. Cunningham
(signed) E. W. King
G. N. Bleeker Compt^r
Sam^l Stilwell S^t Com^r

Which report was agreed to

A memorial from a number of inhabitants to the Honourable the Legislature of this State, praying, that an act might be passed declaratory of the Law rendering the owners of dogs liable for damages done by them & authorising [96] the different counties to lay a tax on them was laid before the Board with a request, that they would unite with them in their application to the Legislature. Therefore resolved, that the Common Council coinciding with the memorialists, in the opinion, that provisions by law, as mentioned in said memorial would be highly useful, do therefore respectfully unite with the memorialists in their application to the Honourable the Legislature upon that subject.

On motion of Alderman Mesier, Resolved, that a committee be appointed to take into the consideration the propriety of making an application to the Legislature respecting the Government House in this city. The Committee appointed were Alderman Mesier, Hoghland & M^r Hawes

The Committee on the amendments to the Police Department reported a memorial to be presented to the Legislature on that subject, of which the following is a copy

To the Honourable the Legislature of the State of New York.

The Memorial of the Common Council of the City of New York respectfully sheweth,

That great and serious evils are experienced in the said city under the present system of the administration of criminal law therein; that the jurisdiction of the Court of General Sessions of the peace in and for the said city has been extended to comprehend all cases except such as affect life, by which the business of that court has considerably increased; that the said court is held once in every [97] six weeks and usually continues to be held for two weeks; that the majority of cases, which occupy the attention of the said Court consists of petit larcenies, assaults & batteries and complaints against disorderly houses; that, in those cases, it frequently happens, that the parties accused are confined for a long time in the City prison for the want of bail and a great number of witnesses are compelled to attend the trial of them for many days, both on the part of the people and on the part of the defendants; that in a number of instances, false accusations are made and the parties accused, though innocent, are compelled for the want of bail to endure a long confinement before their trials can be had, and this delay, which sometimes punishes the innocent, is also well calculated to assist the guilty to escape; The witnesses against them often reside at a distance and are unwilling to be detained, or if they reside in the City to avoid the trouble of attending court will frequently absent themselves, or, in some way, evade the vigilance of the public prosecutor; that although the Court of General Sessions of the peace in said city can execute the business now assigned to it, during the times it may be held by law, the inconveniences above mentioned and others, which attend the present system are become so obvious and are so much the subject of general complaint among the Citizens of New York, that your memorialists have considered it their duty to investigate the same and endeavour to devise a remedy for such extensive evils. After due deliberation, it appears to your memorialists to be necessary to institute a new court of inferior jurisdiction in the said city to be held daily for the trial of the offences above [98] mentioned, and they have accordingly digested the plan of such a court and beg leave to submit the same to the consideration of the Honourable the legislature in the form of a bill, which is hereunto annexed & which together with certain other provisions therein contained they pray may be passed into a law or that such other legislative remedy in the premises be afforded as to your Honourable Body shall seem meet; And Your memorialists will ever pray &c"

Whereupon the said memorial and the bill corresponding therewith were agreed to; and his Honour the Mayor was requested to forward the same under his signature and the seal of this corporation.

The Street Commissioner & Comptroller to whom had been referred the resolution of M^r Jones, on the subject of an assessment, on a Lot Corner of Hester & Crosby Streets belonging to W^m North reported,

That, on an investigation of the subject the Street Commissioner finds that on the 25th day of March last, he received from Benjamin Mumford the sum of 89 $^{58}/_{100}$ dollars, which he deposited in the Treasury, being the amount of several assessments and expenses due on Lot N^o 716 Bayards farm, there being no evidence in the office of any part of this being paid. He has since been informed by the Collector of the Assessment for regulating Crosby Street, that he had received the amount of that assessment, being 47 $^{73}/_{100}$ Dollars and had paid it to the contractor, for which he shewed the receipt and also the order he had for paying the same.

The Committee, therefore, recommend, that [99] a warrant on the treasury be issued in favour of Benjamin M. Mumford Agent of William North for 47 $^{73}/_{100}$ being the sum overpaid

(signed) Samuel Stilwell S^t Com^r
G. N. Bleeker Comptroller

which was agreed to

On motion, Robert Brown was appointed a fire warden of the 4th ward, in the place of Jasper Ward, who had removed from the ward and George W. Talbot was appointed Fire warden for the 3d ward in place of Thomas Taylor resigned

On motion, resolved, that authority be given to the Committee on the subject of opening Roosevelt Street, to negociate with the owners of ground for a part thereof required by a former resolution to widen said street

Mr Lawrence presented a resolution, authorising the Ferry Committee and Comptroller to rent at public auction for the term of one or more years the house of the Corporation at Brooklyn, now in the occupation of Benjamin Smith, which was referred to the Ferry Committee and Comptroller

[100] The Comptroller reported. Cash in the Treasury	$.9155.59
Warrants not presented	1051.47
	8104.12

Whereupon his Honour the Mayor was requested to issue his warrants for payment of the following sums

Amos Rooke keeper of signal poles 1 Qr Salary to 1st inst & raising 2 poles	90.50	
B. Hart for 1 lost fire bucket	2.	
Thomas Foote building Wall on Murray St	875.	
Stephen Ludlam surveying at Brooklyn & making maps of Corporation Lots	227.25	
Amos Corning Do Do	206.50	
Benjn M. Mumford agent of Wm North assessment of a Lot corner of Hester & Crosby Streets overpaid	47.73	
Kane & Daly on acct of Spring St	300.	
Abraham Potts Do Green St	300.	
Robert Carnley Do Willett St	120.	
William Torrey, chairman of Lamp Comme to pay lamp lighters	645.18	
Richard Furman Superintendant of the Alms House	4000.	
		6814.16
	Balance in the treasury	$1289.96

[101] In Common Council February 18th 1811

Present His Honour DeWitt Clinton Mayor President

Peter Mesier Richard Cunningham William Hoghland William Torrey George Buckmaster Nicholas Fish John Pell	Esqs Aldermen	Saml Jones junr Peter Hawes Auge H. Lawrence Elisha W. King John Morss Michl M. Titus Wm A Hardenbrook	Esqs Assistants

The Honourable De Witt Clinton presented a commission from the Honourable the Council of appointment of the State, appointing him to the office of Mayor of the City, dated the 6th Feby instant and upon which he had taken the oaths of office before his Honour the Recorder on the 12th instant & took his seat as President of the Board.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Petitions were received from Wm Crum, David Waldron, Timothy Titus, David Brady and Abraham Devoe praying appointments as Wood Inspectors, which were, for the present, laid on the table

A petition was received from Benjamin F. Boyd, praying an appointment of a measurer of Salt &c. which was granted.

A petition from sundry inhabitants, praying, that the intersection of Chapel & Lispenard Street may be regulated was received and referred to the Street Commissioner

A petition of Stephen Quereau apothecary of the Alms House praying an addition to his salary was received and referred to, Alderman [102] Mesier, Alderman Torrey & Mr Hawes

A petition from Stephen DeCamp praying permission to store some building materials near the Engine House at the Otswego market was granted under the direction of the Alderman & Assistant of the ward and the Street Commissioner.

A petition of the proprietors of lots lying between Beekman & Peck Slips, praying, that the line of South Street may be run from the corner store of Beekman Slip to the corner of the houses now built at Peck Slip was referred to the Street Commissioner & Comptroller

A petition of Fire Engine Company No 24 praying an additional length of leader & a petition from No 22 praying an addition of four men to their company were received & referred to the Committee on the Fire department.

A petition of Sarah Snipgrass, praying an extension of time for payment of an assessment laid upon her husband for improvements at Lombardy Park was received & time was given to the 1st of August next for payment of the same.

The Committee on the subject of the Government House presented a report, which was agreed to, and the same committee were requested to draft and report a memorial to the Legislature upon the subject

The Attorney of the Board presented the following report & resolution, which were agreed to

" The Attorney of the Board begs leave to state, that the practice of forestalling in our markets has, and is continually increasing and no provision, at present, exists, to compensate [103] the person or persons, that would inform against such as are in the habit of violating the law regulating our public markets and as no possible inconvenience can arise from allowing to such as chuse to inform and furnish testimony to convict those in the constant practice of infringing the law, he has submitted a resolution on that subject for the consideration of the Board "

" Resolved, that the Attorney of this Board shall be authorised after the recovery and receipt of any penalty under and by virtue of the " Law to regulate the public markets in the city of New York " to pay over to the person, who shall give the said attorney such information of any offence against the said ordinance as shall enable the said attorney to prosecute the offender to judgment, one half part of the said penalty so recovered and received as in his judgment he shall deem meet and proper.

The Attorney of the Board, on the application of William Coley, reported, that provision was already made by the ordinance of the Board establishing the Street Commissioner's office, sufficient to give the relief required. Which report was approved.

The City Inspector presented drafts of ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances from N° 6851 to N° 6951 inclusive; which were passed.

The Street Commissioner, superintendant of repairs and Comptroller, to whom was referred the accounts of Jacob Halsey for repairs done at the Dock, at the foot of Spring Street, & for building Ferry Stairs at Hornes Hook reported, That after an examination of the [104] accounts and making deductions to the amount of $16.75, there appears a balance due of $1131.15, agreeably to the account presented, & recommend, that a warrant should issue for the same

Samuel Stilwell S^t^ Com^r^
(signed) Jacob P. Roome Sup^t^ of repairs
G N. Bleeker Compt^r^

which was agreed to and the Comptroller directed to report a warrant for $1131.15 for payment of the same

The Comptroller represented to the Board that the Collector of the 9th ward, though repeatedly called on, had not yet taken up the assessment book of the ward

The Comptroller, on the petition of Isaac Vanderbeck presented the following report

"The petition of Isaac Vanderbeck representing, that he is the holder of two Corporation bonds lately executed to Ann Walker; that he is desirous of disposing of one, that will fall due on the 9th May 1812; but is unable to make such disposal without a declaration from this Board, that the said bond is free from any claim of the Board thereon, and praying that they will direct a declaration to that effect to be made on such terms, as to them may seem meet; And the petitioner offering to hold the first bond subject to any claim for assessment now existing against the estate of James Walker deceased having been referred to the Comptroller on the 11th instant he respectfully reports

It appears to be a question susceptible of legal investigation, whether the holders of bonds issued for the payment of ground taken to open Canal Street, are liable for the *assess* [105] assessment standing against the persons, to whom the bonds were given. A difference of opinion has been expressed on this subject, and as the Board have, in frequent instances declined interfering with those bonds for the present; the subscriber cannot see the propriety of the Board making a declaration as requested, at this time, le*a*st embarrassments might arise in the collection of the assessment"

(signed) G. N. Bleeker, Compt^r^

Which report was agreed to

The Comptroller on the petition of William Smith reported as follows

"The petition of William Smith soliciting the use of the vacant ground adjoining the New York Free School, and fronting on Chatham Street for the purpose of erecting a temporary building, to exhibit various paintings, to be removed at the pleasure of the Corporation; having been referred to the Comptroller on the 11th instant, he respectfully reports

On the 9th of April last, he reported to the Board "that an offer of one hundred dollars per annum had been made for the ground above mentioned, during the pleasure of the Common Council, and that no inconvenience can appear to arise from disposing of it, at the above sum, or in any other manner the Board may be pleased to direct"

The report was laid on the table for further consideration

The Short time, for which the present applicant would want the Lot, for the purpose of a temporary building, and consequently the small sum that could be obtained for the use [106] of it, together with the probability of its being disposed of to better advantage, either at present or when Cross Street shall be continued through the rear of this ground, are considerations, which induce the subscriber to believe, that it would be inexpedient for the board to comply with the request of the petitioner" (signed) G. N. Bleeker Comptr

Which report was agreed to

The Comptroller presented the following

"The Comptroller has the honour to lay before the Board the inclosed estimate of the expenses and receipts for the City and county of New York, for the year 1810

As it will be necessary to apply shortly to the legislature for the tax of the current year, this document will be wanted to form an opinion as to the amount to be raised

(signed) G. N. Bleeker Comptr

Estimate of the expenses and receipts for the City and County of New York

Lamps		$26.666.13
Watch		47.391.54
Roads		4.838.42
City Contingency		6.862.55
Streets		9.794.51
Alms House		58,128. 5
Wells & pumps		2964.22
County Contingencies		47,700.26
Cr		$204.345.68
By tax	$129.325.39	
Sales at auction	30.096.19	
Excise	4,981.61	
		164.403.19
		$39.942.49

[107] Whereupon, it was, on motion resolved, that it be referred to a committee to draft a memorial and present a bill to be presented to the Honourable the legislature to authorize this Corporation to raise money by tax for defraying the expense of the City and county for the present year

Resolved further, that a clause be inserted in said bill, directing, that the person chosen collector in each ward of the said city shall enter upon the duties of his office on the first Monday of May in each year & shall hold his office for the period of one year: And that each Collector shall within fourteen days after receiving notice of the assessment books being prepared, give the requisite bonds & take upon himself the duties of his office under the penalty of two hundred and fifty dollars. And further that upon the neglect of any Collector in giving bonds as aforesaid, it shall be in the discretion of the Common Council to consider the said office vacant, and they shall, in that case, be authorised to order a new election for a Collector in such ward.

Mr Hoghland then moved, that the sum to be required to be raised by tax be $150.000. Mr Mesier moved, that it be $120.000. Mr Hoghland having withdrawn his motion Mr Titus moved $140.000 and Mr Lawrence $130.000. The question being taken on Mr Titus's motion for $140.000 & a division having been called it passed in the negative as follows.

Negative		Affirmative
Mr Recorder	Mr Jones	Aldn Hoghland
Aldn Mesier	Hawes	Buckmaster
Cunningham	King	Mr Morss
Torrey	Lawrence	Titus
Fish	Hardenbrook	4
[108] J. Pell	11	

The question being then taken on Mr Lawrence's motion, for $130,000, it also passed in the negative as follows

Negative		Affirmative
Mr Recorder	Mr Jones	Alderman Hoghland
Alderman Mesier	Hawes	Buckmaster
Cunningham	King	J. Pell
Torrey	Hardenbrook 9	Mr Lawrence
Fish		Morss
		Titus (6)

Mr Lawrence then moved, that the sum be $125.000, and the question being taken thereon, it passed in the negative, the members, voting in the same manner, as on the last division.

The question was then taken on Alderman Mesier's motion for $120.000, and carried in the affirmative

The Committee were then authorised to forward the memorial to the legislature under the seal of the Corporation. The Committee appointed were Mr Jones, Lawrence[,] King

The following draft of an ordinance was presented by the City Inspector & passed

[109] A Law

directing the levelling of snow in the streets of the City of New York. Passed February 18th 1811

Whereas, in consequence of the late heavy falls of snow, the streets, particularly where narrow, are, at present, in such situation, as to render it scarcely possible, in case of fire, to convey the engines to the place or places, where they may be necessary.

Be it, therefore, ordained by the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York in Common Council convened, That it shall be the duty of each and every owner and occupant of houses and lots, to cause the snow in front of their respective houses and lots, in the streets, to be forthwith levelled in such manner as to render the conveyance of fire engines from one place to another, as practicable and easy as possible; and that if any owner or occupant shall neglect to cause the snow to be levelled, in manner as aforesaid, he or she shall, for each neglect, forfeit and pay the sum of five dollars, to be recovered in any court having cognizance thereof with costs of suit

And be it further ordained, That it shall be the duty of the Superintendants of Streets to cause this ordinance to be rigidly enforced.

The Board having been informed that Mr Tabele Inspector of wood had offered, if the Inspection district lately attended to by Joshua Hunt deceased were added to his, that he would allow to the widow & family of the deceased, one fourth of the fees received in the same. Whereupon resolved, that Mr Tabele have charge of the said inspection district for two weeks from this day and that in the mean time the Committee of Charity [110] be requested to enquire into the case & report the same to the Board

The Comptroller reported Cash in the Treasury	$6813.79
Warrants not presented	138.23
	$6675.56

Whereupon his Honour the Mayor was requested to issue his warrants for payment of the following sums

Lawrence & Van Wart, watch		592.90
Farrington & White	Do	592.90

Goodheart & Hays, watch	779.80	
Jacob Radcliff Esqr Salary to 12th inst	1089.96	
G N. Bleeker Comptr 1 qr to 15th inst	312.50	
Thos Hazard & Assts 1 Qr to 13th inst	466.26	
Thos Hazard for watchmen &c bringin vagrants to Bridewell 6 months to 1st Novr 1810	165.31	
Isaac Fortune, 3 qrs rent for watch house at Greenwich to 1st instant balance	50.	
John Anderson 3d payment for pier at Corporation Basin	1471.50	
Kane & Daly on Spring Street	500.	
Thos Truslow building fence in Murray Street, rear of the College	177.30	
Anderson & Smyth paving in Walker Street	152.69	
		$6351.12
	Balance in the treasury	$324.44

[111] In Common Council February 21st 1811

Present Honble DeWitt Clinton Mayor President
Josiah Ogden Hoffman, Recorder

Charles Dickinson, Richard Cunningham, William Hoghland, George Buckmaster, Caleb Pell — Esqrs Aldermen

Saml Jones Junr, Peter Hawes, Auge H. Lawrence, Elisha W. King, Michael M. Titus — Esqrs Assistants

The Committee appointed at a former Special meeting of the Common Council held with closed doors to enquire and report what grounds can be procured for the permanent establishment of the Alms House and Bridewell and other public buildings of the city reported, that the Island called Great Barn Island consisting of about two hundred and thirty acres can be purchased at the sum of $850 per acre

That the quantity of about fifteen acres on the East River belonging to Martin Hoffman can be purchased for the sum of eighteen thousand dollars

That the Island called Randells Island containing about one hundred & fifty acres can be purchased for the sum of five hundred dollars per acre

That the quantity of about twenty eight acres, at Bloomingdale near the five mile stone having a front on Hudson River of about two hundred feet can be purchased for about thirty thousand dollars

The committee are also informed that a parcel of land near Greenwich having a front on Hudson River belonging to Samuel Boyd Esquire may be [112] purchased. The price they cannot particularly state

(signed) S Jones Junior
Wm A Hardenbrook
Caleb Pell
A H Lawrence

Whereupon Mr Jones moved, that Great Barn Island be purchased for the purposes above stated, provided the same be procured at a sum not exceeding $800 per acre. On the question of agreeing to the same, it passed in the negative

It was then moved, that Randell island be purchased for the said purpose, which also passed in the Negative

The following resolution was then proposed.

Resolved, that the committee, to whom the subject of finding a proper scite for the Alms House and other public buildings be requested to ascertain upon what terms the ground belonging to Martin Hoffman or Mr Seaman can be purchased for that purpose.

[113] In Common Council Feby 25th 1811

Present DeWitt Clinton Esqr Mayor President

Peter Mesier
Charles Dickinson
Richard Cunningham
William Hoghland
George Buckmaster
Caleb Pell
John Pell
Esqs Aldermen

Samuel Jones Junr
Peter Hawes
Auge H. Lawrence
Elisha W. King
John Morss
Michael M Titus
Wm A. Hardenbrook
Esqs Assistants

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

A memorial of Jonathan Burwell, complaining of Captain White's having discharged him from the City Watch was received and referred to the Watch Committee

A petition from a number of French refugees from the island of Cuba and elsewhere praying assistance was received & referred to the Committee of Charity

A recommendation of Charles Smith as lessee of the Public Slips was received and ordered to lie on the table

A petition of Stephen Hallett for appointment to the office of City Surveyor was received and referred to the Committee on applications

A petition of M. Myers complaining of having overpaid an assessment on Broome Street was referred to the Street Commissioner

A petition of Henry B. Moore to be appointed a measurer of grain, salt &c was received & granted

A petition of Martha Clark for remission of a penalty incurred under the ordinance for selling liquors by retail was received & referred to the Attorney of the Board.

[114] Petitions from Jeremiah Woolsey, Angus Sutherland and John Lynch, praying the appointment of Inspector of wood were received & laid on the table

A petition of Ann Horner, stating, that money was due to her late husband James Horner for sinking a well corner of Mott & Bayard Street was received and, on motion, resolved that the petitioner have leave to withdraw her petition

A petition of Stephen Hitchcock praying the determination of the Board, respecting taking his lot corner of Frankfort & Skinner Street for widening of Frankfort Street was referred to the Street Commissioner

A petition was received from William Robins, praying a remission of a penalty incurred under the ordinance against forestalling and was referred to the Market Committee. It was further resolved, that untill their report shall be presented, all further proceedings on the suit be stayed.

A memorial from the executors of Abraham Cannon deceased respecting a lot conveyed by the Corporation to the said Abraham Cannon was received & referred to the Street Commisisoner for a statement of facts

The City Inspector reported drafts of ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances, from N° 6951 to N° 7051 inclusive, which were passed

The ordinances passed on the 4th inst for widening Front Street and Stone Streets were carried up and Jonathan Little, John Mowatt Junr William Stilwell, Robert Wardell and Israel Hoosfield, were appointed Assessors

The Street Commissioner presented the Assessment for opening Dover Street, which was [115] confirmed and Noah Jarvis was appointed Collector

The Street Commissioner presented an ordinance for building a bulk head & drain & filling in the head of Peck Slip, which was passed. The Assessors named were laid over

The Comptroller laid before the Board proposals, which he had received for renting the docks, piers & slips belonging to the Corporation, the consideration of which was postponed till the next meeting.

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The Comptroller laid before the Board, proposals, for renting the Brooklyn ferry, the consideration of which was postponed till the next meeting. A remonstrance from sundry inhabitants of Brooklyn against the ferry being leased to John Dyckman was received and also postponed

A proposal of John Gildersleave for renting the house of the Corporation at Brooklyn ferry, at present occupied by Benjamin Smith was received and referred to the ferry committee and comptroller, with authority to them, after having ascertained and determined the limits of the ground to be leased, to lease the same at auction or otherwise

The Committee on the subject of the memorial to be presented to the Legislature, authorising the Corporation to raise money by tax presented the following

To the Honourable the Legislature of the State of New York in Senate and Assembly convened

[116] The memorial of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York respectfully sheweth

That they have estimated the sums necessary to be raised by tax for the expenses of said city and county for the current year, founded on the actual expenses thereof for the last year, which estimate detailing the particular objects of expense and the sums requisite to defray the same, they have the honour to transmit with this memorial

From this it appears, that for the purpose of defraying the various charges of this city and county for the present year the sum of fifty five thousand dollars will be required and the further sum of Sixty five thousand dollars for the maintenance of the poor and for defraying the other contingent charges of said city & county

And Your Memorialists further shew, that inconveniences are experienced from the present regulation for the collection of taxes in the city of New York, whereby the assessment books in case of a change in the Collector of the ward, are necessarily transferred, after having been partly collected from the former collector to his successor

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* Report repeated through error of clerk.—ED.

in office, which successor from his ignorance of the proceedings of his predecessor, often finds himself under great embarrassment in the execution of the duties of his office

And your memorialists further shew, that the collectors sometimes neglect to give the bonds required of them by law and to enter upon the duties of their offices for long and unreasonable periods of time after the assessment books are ready for delivery and the collector has been notified thereof, to the delay of the collection of the taxes and the great [117] inconvenience of your Memorialists

Your memorialists, therefore, respectfully solicit, that an act may be passed, authorising the Mayor, Aldermen & Commonalty of the City of New York to raise the aforesaid sums upon the estates real and personal of the freeholders and inhabitants of the said city and with suitable and proper clauses therein to be inserted for the remedy of the before mentioned inconveniences, and your memorialists &c

Which memorial was agreed to and the committee was directed to cause the same to be engrossed and forwarded under the seal of the Corporation to the Honourable the Legislature

The Committee, to whom was referred the petition of Stephen Quereau reported

" That they have enquired into the facts stated in the said petition and are of opinion, that it is proper to allow the petitioner a compensation for the extra services, which he renders as physician & apothecary of the Alms House and Bridewell, during the present winter

They, therefore, recommend, that he be allowed the sum of one hundred dollars for such extra services "

William Hoghland
(signed) Peter Hawes
William Torrey

Which report was agreed to

The Comptroller presented the lease to be granted to Richard Smith for Horn's Hook ferry, which was referred to the Recorder

The Committee on the Fire Department, on the petition of Fire Engine Company N° 24 reported,

That, by reference to the Chief Engineer's report, it appears, that fire Engine N° 24 has a leader of seven inches and thirty men, is in good order and is of [118] *of* course, one of the largest, as well as one of the most powerful engines belonging to the corporation. From her situation at the foot of the Oswego Market, she is calculated to be most essentially useful in extinguishing fires in the central & most thickly inhabited part of the city. As of late years, the fire engines are principally supplied by leaders, forming a line by means of engines, communicating with the rivers, it becomes of great importance to furnish the different engines with leaders in proportion to their respective powers; and money expended for that purpose is in the opinion of your Committee usefully employed. N° 24 has at present about 260 feet of leader and is capable of usefully employing one hundred feet more, which from the reputation of the present company, will doubtless be the case

Your Committee, therefore, recommend, that Fire Engine N° 24 be allowed, one hundred feet of leader in addition to their present quantity, and that the Chief Engineer cause the same to be made"

(signed) Peter Hawes Chairman

Which report was agreed to

The following person was appointed fireman, the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancy.

Israel Young, mercht Front St 2d ward v. Thomas Stevenson resigned. of N° 13

On motion William Ball was appointed fire warden of the 7th ward v. William L. Mott

The Board resumed the consideration of the business before them on the 21st instant respecting the*

[119] The Comptr reported cash in the treasury	$3242.17	
Warrants not presented	47.73	
		$3194.44

Whereupon his Honour the Mayor was requested to issue warts to pay the following sums

R Skaats & Asst 1 Qrs salary to 14th inst	123.77	
B Hart 4 casks of powder for 22d inst	74.43	
Edward Watkeys candles for City Hall	9.38	
R. Furman Supt of Alms House, supplies for convicts on the roads	678.82	
Kane & Daly, acct paving Spring St	200.	
Thos & George Lovett on acct Fourth St	100.	
Anderson & Smyth on Walker St	98.32	
Kelly & Daly, paving Mott Street	90.	
Jacob Halsey repairs at Dock foot of Spring Street and building ferry stairs at Horn's Hook	1131.15	
R. Furman for Alms House	1000.	
		$3505.87

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* A space is left here for the remainder of the report, which was never entered, but a memorandum in pencil indicates that it concerns the purchase of ground from Martin Hoffman.—ED.

[120] In Common Council March 4th 1811

Present Pierre C. VanWyck Esqr Recorder President

Peter Mesier
Charles Dickinson
Richard Cunningham
William Hoghland
George Buckmaster
Caleb Pell
Nicholas Fish
John Pell
Esqs Aldermen

Peter Hawes
Auge H. Lawrence
Elisha W. King
John Morss
Wm A Hardenbrook
Abm Van Gelder
Esqs Assistants

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A letter was received from John Vanderbilt Esqr one of the representatives from the City in the State Legislature, informing the Board, that a bill was now depending before the legislature for increasing the rates of wharfage in the city & changing the system by affixing the dues upon the cargoes of vessels instead of the vessels themselves & requesting the opinion of the Board as to the proposed bill.

A communication was also received from a committee appointed by the merchants of the city remonstrating against the bill now pending before the Legislature, on the subject of wharfage.

Whereupon resolved as the opinion of this Board, that the proposed alteration to the system of wharfage would be injurious to the public and also that the present rates paid for wharfage are a sufficient compensation to the proprietors of wharves

A petition was received from Daniel Woolsey, stating, that he had built a block, pier and L at the Albany Basin on the North River & praying payment for the same. Ordered, that the same be referred [121] to the Street Commissioner and Comptroller

A petition was received from George Paff praying for a stand in the Fly Market, and a petition from Leslor Whaley praying permission to sell meat by the Quarter in the Lower Fly Market was also received; both of which were referred to the market Committee.

Petitions were received from Joseph George, Jeremiah Woolsey, Lewis Garrineau, Joseph Reynolds, Peter Peterson, Henry Hulsart & George Geer for appointments of wood inspector in the district lately held by Barzillai Ransom deceased. Whereupon on motion, the Board proceeded to ballot for a person to fill the vacancy, when Lewis Carrineau was duly appointed to said office

Petitions were also received from William Sutton & James Savage for the office of Wood Inspector in the place of Joshua Hunt deceased, which were ordered to lie on the table

Petitions from Paul Gallaudett for the appointment of Street Inspector and of Lee Peck for the office of measurer of grain &c were received and referred to the committee on applications

A petition from John R. Noah was received, stating, that he wished to obtain a licence to retail liquors; but as he would have to renew it in May, he prayed now a diminution of the charge on said licence. Ordered to lie on the table

A memorial was received from John Dyckman respecting the complaint against him as Ferry Master at Brooklyn, which was read & ordered to lie on the table.

A memorial from Le Roy, Bayard and M'Evers & J Lenox & William Maitland was received stating, that the former had on the 28th ultimo [122] purchased from the latter five hundred and thirty nine barrels Virginia flour, which by the conditions of the sale were to undergo a regular inspection; that through the inattention of their clerk, a part was shipped without inspection and seized. Depositions as to the facts made by the above parties, by the Broker, and the Clerk were added to the memorial & the memorialists prayed, that the Board would relinquish the part of the penalty, accruing to the Corporation. Whereupon resolved, that it be referred to a committee with authority to grant the remission prayed for. The Committee appointed was Alderman Mesier, Hoghland & Mr Lawrence

The petition of Jonas Rhoades, Elijah Haines and Andrew Van Stoul complaining of the conduct of Captain Farrington in discharging them from the City Watch was read & referred to the Watch Committee

A plan for establishing a general chimney office was submitted by John J. Boyreau & referred to Alderman Mesier, Hoghland & Mr Hawes*

The following persons were appointed firemen, the chief engineer certifying the vacancies

Fire Engine Company No 8

John Bourdman Bricklayer 247 William Street 4th ward v. Henry Peacock resigned

Henry Faber accountant 27 Church St 5th ward v. James Nesbitt resigned

No 29

Rodoff Vanhouten Cartman Charles Street 8th ward v. Abraham Maybie deceased

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* Marginal note reads *See 144.*—ED.

[123] Welmut Van Winkle carman, Charles Street 8th ward v. William Jenkins removed.

The ordinance passed on the 25th ultimo for building bulkhead at Peck Slip was called up and Jonathan Little, John Mowatt Junior, William Stilwell, Robert Wardell and Israel Horsfield were appointed assessors

The Street Commissioner presented a report on the petition of Stephen Hitchcock, the consideration of which was postponed.

The Street Commissioner on the petition for paving Orchard Street presented an ordinance for regulating & paving the same from Grand to North Street, which was passed. The assessors named were laid over.

The Committee, to whom was referred the application of Elizabeth Morris on the 7th of January last for a surplus of five inches of ground to be included in her water grant reported

That on the 8th of October last, Mrs Morris presented a petition for a grant of the water in front of her lot on the 4th ward, fronting the East river, which was referred to the Comptroller; but no report was made, in consequence of an inaccuracy in the measurement. This has been since adjusted, and it is recommended, that a grant should issue to Mrs Morris for 55 feet one inch in width on the South East side of Front Street; 142 feet in depth and 50 feet 8¼ inches on South Street, on the usual condition and restrictions. The grant to take effect from the 15th October last.

(signed) R. Cunningham
G. N. Bleeker Comptroller

Which report was agreed to and the Comptroller was directed to issue a grant accordingly

[124] The Comptroller presented the following report.

The Comptroller respectfully presents to the Board a statement of Lots of ground and Cellars under Catharine Market, leased at public auction the 1st instant, agreeably to the report of the Finance committee, and approved by the Board the 11th ultimo

Leased for 21 years from the 1st May 1811

Lot. No 24	Augustus Street,	J. Neuville	$125	per annum
25	Do	Wm Mooney	180	Do
1	Magazine St	Thos Egenton	75	Do
2	Do	Henry Smith	135	Do
3	Do	John Crygier	105	Do
4	Do	James Ridgway	110	Do
5	Do	Do	100	Do

Lot. No	1	Elm Street	Eliphalet Sturdevant	$130	per annum
	2	Do	Do	95	Do
	3	Do	James M'Donald	90	Do
	1	South Street	Benjn Bailey	580	Do
	2	Do	Do	405	Do
	3	Do	John D. Miller...............	325	Do
	4	Peck Slip,	Augustus Wright	415	Do
	5	Do	Do	305	Do
	6	Do	Daniel Smith	290	Do
	233	Front St Store & Lot	Danl Wurts.............	440	Do

Leased for 7 years from 1st May 1811

Cellar No	1	Catharine Market,	George Thompson..........	55	Do
	2	Do	Do	50	Do
	3	Do	J. Neuville	45	Do
	4	Do	Burnell Brown	45	Do
	5	Do	Peter Valantine	75	Do
	6	Do	Burnell Brown	70	Do
			Total annual rent	$4245	

(signed) G. N. Bleeker Comptr

The City Inspector reported drafts of ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances from No [125] 7052 to No 7200, which were passed

A communication from a committee consisting of John Bingham, James Townsend and Benjamin Romaine appointed at a meeting of some citizens at Martling's tavern on the 27th ultimo, presenting sundry resolutions then passed and a draft of a memorial to the legislature praying sundry alterations in the Charter of the city, making the office of Mayor elective &c & requesting the concurrence of the Common Council therein was read. Whereupon resolved, that the consideration thereof be postponed

The Committee, to whom was referred the application of Benjamin Smith, for a renewal of his lease, on the Store House, part of the Corporation property at Brooklyn reported,

That in their opinion, it is not advisable, at the present time to let the same for a longer time than one year. That Mr Smith has heretofore paid for the same five hundred and seventy five dollars and the taxes. Mr Smith now offers Six hundred dollars and necessary repairs, for the year, commencing the first of May next. This is as large a sum as has been offered for the same.

As Mr Smith has been heretofore punctual in the payment of his rent and in other respects is in the opinion of your committee, a worthy man and a good tenant, they recommend that the premises he now occupies be lett to hire for the ensuing year upon the terms he offers

(signed) William Hoghland
Peter Hawes
Elisha W. King

Which report was agreed to and the Comptroller was directed to make out a lease accordingly

[126] The Committee on the petition of Henry Hewlett reported, that, in the present situation of the Corporation property at Brooklyn, it was not, in their opinion, advisable to grant the prayer of the petitioners, which was agreed to

The Committee, to whom was referred the subject of the Government House presented the following draft of a report upon the subject

To the Honourable the Legislature of the State of New York in Senate & Assembly convened.

The memorial of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York respectfully sheweth,

That, from the conspicuous situation, in which the Government House stands & from its being so prominent an object in the view of every one and especially of foreigners, who frequent the most public walk in our city, the condition or state of repair in which it happens to be is and always must be a circumstance of great concern to your memorialists

As guardians of this city, its public buildings naturally demand the attention and as but few are acquainted with the history of this property, they therefore feel a solicitude, that its appearance should not longer disgrace its proprietors

The ruinous state, in which every part of this property now is and for a long time has been beggars subscription. The roof, walls, internally and externally, and ceilings of the house are rapidly going to decay, and even the arms of the state, which once so proudly decorated the front are defaced and fallen to pieces, that recollection only can now describe what was originally intended. The [127] fence, yard and out houses are of a piece with the principal building and appear consigned to ruin, but the area in front of its circular wall, the flight of Stone steps and ornamental iron railing are, if possible, in a still more desolate condition; part is already down; part is yet hanging and all must speedily tumble

Your memorialists feeling that the reputation and interest of both the State and city is connected with this subject and presuming, that the legislature, when apprised of the ruinous condition, in which their property is, would be disposed immediately to adopt measures to have the same repaired or to place the same in such a situation as would in future be more profitable to the state and more creditable to the city, have, therefore, thought proper to make this representation; and they consequently do most respectfully solicit your Honourable Body to take such order in the premises speedily as will effectually remove all cause of complaint

And Your memorialists &c &c

Whereupon resolved, that the said memorial be approved, and that the same be engrossed and transmitted, under the seal of the Corporation to the Honourable the Legislature.

The Common Council took up the consideration of the several proposals received by the Comptroller for renting the public docks, piers and slips, when on opening the same it appeared, that Charles Smith had offered to pay for the same $20.750 per annum Joseph Peterson per annum 20.000 Stephen Bourdett per annum 18.000

Whereupon resolved, that the public docks, piers and slips be rented to Charles Smith for two years from the 1st of May next, at the rent of $20.750 per [128] annum, he giving sufficient security for the payment of the same and that the Comptroller prepare the lease with the usual covenants therein

The Board also proceeded to examine the proposals for renting Brooklyn ferry, when it appeared, that there was offered by

Theodosius Hunt & Lossee Van Nostrand the annual sum of...........	3450
Burdett Stryker	3050

Various recommendations in favour of Mr Striker and of his conduct, while lessee of the ferry were read, also an offer of sundry persons to secure to the Board the payment of as much by Mr Striker, as any person should offer for the same—Recommendations in favour of granting the lease of said ferry to Hunt & Van Nostrandt subscribed by sundry inhabitants was also received and read. It was then moved, that the consideration of the proposals be postponed, which was agreed to. Mr Lawrence, who had voted in the affirmative, then moved, that the vote last taken be reconsidered. The question being taken thereon, it was carried in the affirmative

The Common Council then proceeded to determine by ballot, to whom the ferry should be leased, when it appeared, that there was a majority in favour of Hunt & Van Nostrandt. Whereupon resolved, that the said ferry be leased to Theodosius Hunt and Lossee Van Nostrandt for the term of three years from the day of next, at the rent of $3450 per annum, they finding sufficient security for the payment of the same and that the Comptroller prepare the leases with the usual covenants

On motion of Mr King, the ordinance for [129] appointing commissioners of the Alms House and Bridewell was so amended, that there should be not more than five nor less than three commissioners. Whereupon Nehemiah Allen was elected a Commissioner of the Alms House & Bridewell

On motion, resolved, that Mr Tabele be allowed to add the wood inspection district lately occupied by Joshua Hunt deceased to his own district until the further order of the Board on condition, that he allow to the widow of the said Hunt one third part of the fees of the two districts

The Committee appointed on the 25th ultimo on the subject of purchasing land from Martin Hoffman reported, "that they have agreed with Mr Hoffman for the purchase of his place at the sum limited, say Seventeen thousand five hundred dollars payable in three years, the interest payable annually, by the bonds of this Board, possession to be given on the first day of May next

Since the agreement, however, a small difficulty has arisen respecting the right of the former proprietor to land his wood &c, during his life and that of his wife and sister

There is also a mortgage to the United Insurance Company for $8000 with interest payable half yearly and may be paid at the pleasure of this board, provided the interest is regularly paid

(signed) A H Lawrence

which was agreed to on condition, that the title could be freed from the claims stated in said report

[130] The Comptroller reported cash in the treasury.................. $3563.32

Whereupon his Honour the recorder was requested to issue his warrants for payment of the following sums

Lawrence & Van Wart	watch		$592.90
Farrington & White	Do		592.90
Goodheart & Hays	Do		779.80
James Hardie	Asst City Inspr	1 month	62.50
Andw Otterson	Do	Do	48.
R. Graves	Asst Street Commissioner	Do	48.
Mott Hicks	Do Do	Do	48.
Adrian B Holmes	Do Do	Do	48.
Wm P. Roome	Potters field	Do	28.

New York City dispensary 2 years subscription to 1st January 1811	$150.	
Abm Potts on Green Street	200.	
Charles Dickinson interest on bond for $2000 1 year to 20th Feby 1811 at 7 pr cent	140.	
Jacob P. Roome Superintendant of repairs to pay workmen	300.	
John H. Sickles, treasurer of the New City Hall	500.	
		$3538.10
Balance in the treasury		25.22

In Common Council March 8th 1811

Present Pierre C Van Wyck Esqr Recorder

Aldermen Mesier, Dickinson, Cunningham, Hoghland, Buckmaster, Caleb Pell & John Pell

Assistants Messrs Hawes, Lawrence, King, Douglass, Titus & Morss—The Board met with closed doors The injunction of secrecy taken off & minutes ordered to be entered. The committee having reported, that the title to Mr Hoffman's ground could not be freed from the claims stated no further proceedings were had upon the subject

[131] In Common Council 11th March 1811

Present Pierre C. Van Wyck Esqr Recorder President

Peter Mesier William Torrey Richard Cunningham William Hoghland George Buckmaster John Pell	Esqs Aldermen	Peter Hawes Auge H. Lawrence Elisha W. King John Morss Isaac S. Douglass Michael M. Titus Wm A Hardenbrook	Esqs *Aldermen* [Assistants]

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A petition of Jacob Haryatt for a stand in the temporary market at the arsenal & Benjamin Brewster for stand No 19 Fly Market was received and referred to the market committee

A petition of Barbara Owens for a stand to sell vegetables was received and referred to the same committee

A petition of Ryer Smith praying remission of a penalty incurred by him under the law for forestalling was read. Whereupon ordered, that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition.

A petition of Mathew Welsh, praying remission of a fine incurred under the carriage law was received and referred to the Attorney of the Board

The petition of Richard Ternay & Richard Moran praying payment for monies due for paving Crosby Street was received & referred to the Street Commissioner

A petition of Ralph Westervelt for tavern licence at a less sum than is charged at the commencement of the year was read. Whereupon resolved, that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition

[132] A petition from sundry inhabitants for lamps to be placed in Budd Street between Hudson and Varick Street was received & referred to the Lamp committee

A petition of John Hoghland praying for the office of Street Inspector was read & ordered to lie on the table.

A petition of Joseph George for the office of wood inspector was received and laid on the table.

The City Inspector reported drafts of ordinances for the correction of sundry nuisances from N° 7200 to N° 7300 inclusive, which were ordered to be passed

A petition of James Horne praying the appointment of weigh master, in place of Andrew Onderdonk, from whom he had purchased the scales was read and the prayer was granted

A petition of James Vincent praying payment for regulating & filling up Chapel S^t^ was read and referred to the Street Commissioner*

A further petition of Daniel Woolsey praying payment for block, pier &c at Albany Basin was read. Thereupon resolved, that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition

The ordinance passed at the last meeting of the Common Council for paving Orchard S^t^ was called up and Ezekiel Bishop, Stephen Kingsland, Robert Cole, Solomon Wheeler and Abraham Hart were appointed assessors

The Street Commissioner agreeably to the orders of the Board presented a report in part as to the accounts of certain collectors on assessments viz on the accounts of Oliver Jaques and Benjamin C. Stevenson which were referred to the committee on assessments & the Street Commissioner with authority to them to take [133] measures for the collection of the sums due from the said collectors.

The Street Commissioner presented a return of delinquents on the assessment of Grand Street. Thereupon ordered, that a warrant issue to Noah Jarvis for collection of the same

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* Marginal note reads *See p. 143.*—ED.

The Street Commissioner and the Comptroller on the petition of Leffert Lefferts and others respecting the line of South Street reported.

"That after mature deliberation, they are of opinion, that the best arrangement for the said line would be to fix the corner of South Street and West side of Peck Slip so as to range with the line of South Street, on the East side of the Slip, which, according to a survey made by R. Graves City Surveyor, by which the Corporation Lots were lately disposed of, is 142 feet from Front Street; from thence to run in a straight line to the corner of the store now standing at South Street & Beekman Slip. This arrangement would appear much better than a single angle at Crane wharf, as the two angles would be much more obtuse, and being each formed at the corner of a wide slip would make South Street appear almost a straight line.

(signed) Sam^{l} Stilwell S^{t} Comm^{r}
G. N. Bleeker, Comptroller

which report was agreed to

A Letter from sundry inhabitants recommending Leffert Bogart as a Wood Inspector was received & referred to the Committee on applications

The Comptroller presented the leases to be given to the persons, who purchased grounds from the Corporation at the late sales, which were referred to the Recorder for examination

The Committee of Charity, to whom was *re* [134] referred the petition of the Committee for the relief of French refugees from S^{t} Domingo and the island of Cuba reported.

"That they have had under their consideration the said petition and believe the facts therein stated to be just and true, and that from the opinion they entertain of the Character of the said committee, in behalf of the French refugees, they believe, that what monies would be given them would be properly applied They, therefore, recommend, that a grant in money be given them to the amount of two hundred dollars"

Michael M. Titus
(signed) Peter Mesier
R. Cunningham.

Which report was agreed to, and the Comptroller was directed to issue a warrant for payment of the aforesaid sum

The Committee of finance on the petition of B. O Blenis for an additional clerk in the police office presented a report, which was directed together with the subject generally respecting the police, to be referred to the following committee viz M^r Hawes M^r Douglass & M^r Titus

*The Committee, to whom was referred the subject of opening Roosevelt Street reported,

"That it appears by the minutes of the Common Council, that in the year 1792 a piece of ground of thirty seven feet six inches in breadth extending from Cherry Street to Water Street was purchased by this corporation for the sum of $8478.35. for the express purpose of opening and continuing Roosevelt Street to the East River. That by a subsequent resolution [135] of the Common Council only 17 feet of the said ground was appropriated for the purpose originally intended and an assessment ordered accordingly. It, likewise, appears by the said minutes, that on the 16th of April 1804, a resolution passed to widen Roosevelt Street from Cherry to Water Streets, so as to make Roosevelt Street 44 feet on Cherry Street and 47 feet on Water Street; that the usual proceedings were taken accordingly and the damages and recompence to the proprietors were assessed at $16125 and judgment thereupon entered in the Mayor's Court: since which time various petitions have been presented to the Board on the subject & several resolutions have passed respecting it: but nothing decisive has taken place, that your committee have been able to discover

In obedience to the directions of the Common Council, your Committee have had a conference with the owners of the said ground, with a view to ascertain their price in case it should be deemed expedient to purchase a moiety thereof only, who expressed their willingness to accept the original assessment for the whole of the ground or to convey the one half for the sum of 9607.50 dollars. But the Committee are of opinion, that it will be more advantageous to take the whole of the ground so as to make the lower end of the street of the same width it is above Batavia Lane

Your committee are, likewise, of opinion, that the judgment so entered in the Mayor's Court remains obligatory upon both parties and they recommend, that the same be acted upon without delay. And your Committee submit to the consideration of the Common Council, whether it would not be just, under the circumstances of this case, to appropriate the property on the West side of [136] Roosevelt Street (which was purchased for the purpose of opening that street) to the

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* Marginal note reads *See Page 151 & 163.*—ED.

payment of the ground on the opposite side, deducting the original cost of it

(signed) R. Cunningham.
Elisha W. King.

which report so far as related to the statement of facts was approved; and the remainder referred to the Street Commissioner & Comptroller

Alderman Hoghland moved, that the Board now take up the consideration of the memorial presented, at the last meeting on behalf of sundry inhabitants, assembled at Martlings tavern, which was agreed to. After some debate thereon, it was moved, that the further consideration be postponed. A division having been called thereon it was carried in the affirmative in the manner following

Affirmative		Negative
Alderman Mesier	Mr King	Alderman Hoghland
Cunningham	Mr Douglass	Buckmaster
Torrey	Mr Titus	Mr Morss 3
Mr Hawes	Mr Hardenbrook 9	
Mr Lawrence		

A motion to change the name of Scammell Slip to Gouverneur's Slip was received & referred to the Street Commissioner & Comptroller

On motion, ordered, that the Superintendant of repairs have permission to make use of that part of the Alms House Yard used by the Widow's Society for storing wood.

[137] The Comptroller reported cash in the treasury................ 6044.41

Whereupon his Honour the Recorder was requested to issue his warrants for payment of the following sums.

A. Giles late Special Justice salary from 8th December to 25th February	219.17
Charles Christian Do Do	219.17
B. O Blenis Police Clerk Do Do	219.17
Whitehead Fish treasurer 1 Qr to 14th February	125.
John A Crolius inspector of bread 1 Quarter to 8th instant	100.
Van Beuren & Hasbrook 2 casks powder for infantry 25th November last	36.50
Proprietor of Morning Post 3 months Subscription to 10th February	18.75
O'Neil & Lee cleaning wells	27.43
Kane & Daly on Spring Street	300.
Thomas & George Lovett on Fourth St	170.
Charles Mooney on Harison Street	85.
Henry Hillman, flagging, curb stone &c	19.24
Thomas W. Eagles, Street Lamps &c	84.68

Richard Furman Sup^{t} of Alms house	3000.	
William Torrey, chairman Lamp committee	500.	
John H. Sickles, treasurer of New City hall	1000.	
		6124.11

[138] In Common Council March 18th 1811

Present Pierre C. Van Wyck Esq^{r} Recorder President

Aldermen		Assistants	
Peter Mesier	Esq^{s} Aldermen	Peter Hawes	Esq^{s} Assistants
Charles Dickinson		Aug^{e} H. Lawrence	
Richard Cunningham		Elisha W. King	
William Hoghland		John Morss	
George Buckmaster		Isaac S. Douglass	
Caleb Pell		Mich^{l} M. Titus	
John Pell		W^{m} A. Hardenbrook	

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A petition of George Codwise junior and George Lord for permission to build a lime house at the corner of Burling Slip and Front Street was granted under the direction of the alderman and assistant of the Second ward and the Street Commissioner

A petition of Jacob Allen for remission of a penalty incurred under the market law and a petition of John Miller for a similar remission were read. Whereupon resolved, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petitions

A petition from Israel Underhill to be appointed a measurer of grain &c was read. Whereupon, on motion, it was resolved, that an additional measurer of grain &c be appointed; and on motion, it was resolved, that Israel Underhill be appointed a measurer of grain, salt &c. And ordered, that the Clerk call upon the several measurers appointed by the Corporation to renew their commissions on or before the 1st day of May next, and that such as do not, be considered as having resigned their commissions.

A memorial from certain inhabitants of Broadway was read, praying, that the side walk in said street [139] between Murray and Leonard Streets may be relaid. with square blue or brown stone and that the walk across the intersections of the streets may be laid with blue stone. Ordered to be referred to the committee on Streets and the Street commissioner

A petition of Benjamin Strong was received praying leave to sink a vault in Leonard Street in front of his house now building between Broadway & Church Streets. Ordered, that leave be granted under the direction of the Alderman and assistant of the Fifth ward and Street Commissioner, on condition, that the same shall be finished by the first day of May next

Petitions from John Rashore, James Thompson and William Boucker, praying the appointment of Street Inspector were received and ordered to lie on the table

An account of William Lawrence for ground taken for opening Dover Street was presented & referred to the Street Commissioner and Comptroller, with directions that, if the same shall be found correct, the Comptroller shall present a warrant for payment of the same, at the next meeting of the Board.

A communication was received from Anthony L. Bleeker offering to cede such part of his ground as may be necessary for continuing Mulberry and Cross Streets to Bleeker Street and also that part of Bleeker Street from the Bowery to Broadway and to widen Bleeker Street to 60 feet, provided he be exempted from all expenses for opening and regulating said streets. Ordered that the same be referred to the Street Commissioner, & the Street Committee

A petition of Stephen Rudd to be appointed overseer of the convicts was read and referred to the Road Committee.

A memorial was received from the Corporation of [140] Trinity Church, stating, that they had ceded the ground necessary for the New Greenwich Road; that this was done in expectation, that the Common Council would cede the ground occupied by the present Greenwich road to the said Trinity Church; that in such expectation they included part of said road in two lots, which they have sold. They, therefore, prayed, that they might be permitted to fence in such part of the present Greenwich road as lies between Morton Street and the State prison, and that they would cause Washington Street to be opened from Clinton Street to the State Prison. A memorial was also received from several proprietors of ground praying, that Washington street might be opened. Whereupon ordered, that the same be referred to the Committee on Streets & the Street Commissioner

A petition was received from Thomas Foote, stating, that he was about making alterations in his house at the corner of Murray and Chapel Streets and praying permission to place his building materials in the street. Whereupon ordered, that it be referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Third Ward and Alderman Hoghland with authority to grant permission

A petition was received from William Dusenbury praying remission of a penalty under the Law for the due observance of the Lord's Day. Ordered, that the same be referred to the attorney of the Board

The City Inspector reported drafts of ordinances for the correction of sundry nuisances from N° 7301 to N° 7401 inclusive, which were passed.

A petition from Jamison Cox to have deducted from the tax assessed upon him viz $5.41, he being [141] an artillerist and entitled by law to an exemption to that amount. Ordered to be referred to the Comptroller

The following persons were appointed firemen, the Chief engineer certifying the vacancies

Fire Engine Company N° 3

Thomas Fleming grocer, corner of Pine & Nassau Streets 2^d^ ward v. William W. Gallatian resigned.

Fire Engine Company N° 35

John Burtis, tanner Harlaem 9th ward v. Zeno Weeks removed

A memorial of William Rhodes, proposing a new method of constructing Canals was read and referred to the Canal committee

*A petition of Peter Schermerhorn was received, stating that he was proprietor of certain lots on Beekman Slip and South Street and praying to have the side walks on Beekman Slip of the width of ten feet and on South Street 12 feet & to have the same regulated from Front to South Street. The petitioner also requested permission to erect a lime house in the street. The latter was granted on the usual terms and the former part referred to the Street Commissioner and the assistant of the 2d ward.

A petition of Fosdick and Davis to be employed in painting the New City Hall was read & referred to the building committee

A petition of Thomas Duggan praying further time for payment of an assessment for widening the bridge in Broadway was received and referred to the Street Commissioner and Comptroller, and, in the mean time, ordered, that the collection of the assessment on him be delayed.

The Committee, to whom was referred the petition of the firemen at Bloomingdale reported, [142] "that when the fire engine mentioned in the said petition was loaned, it was expected, that the petitioners would form a volunteer company to man the same, and that the in-

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* Marginal note reads *See P. 152.*—ED.

habitants of Bloomingdale would, at all time, keep the same in repairs, at their own expense, without further application to the Corporation. Your Committee further beg leave to state that the village, in which the engine is kept and for whose benefit it will be employed, are not chargeable with any of the City taxes for engines. That it is at too great a distance ever to be employed in extinguishing fires in the city and that probably the company will not be obliged to turn out more than once or twice in the year for the purpose of extinguishing fires. If the Corporation should agree to the appointment of persons to man the engine, they would by law be exempted from doing military duty and of serving on juries. From the great number of persons exempt, the duty already falls heavily upon those liable to serve as jurors. Your Committee also apprehend, that the precedent is a dangerous one, and that if this application should be granted, it would be repeated by others in like circumstances. They are, therefore, of opinion, that the prayer of the petition ought not to be granted

(signed) Peter Hawes
Isaac S. Douglass.

On the question of agreeing to the same, a *a* division having been called by M^r^ Hardenbrook, it was carried in the affirmative, the members voting as follows

Affirmative

Alderman Mesier, Dickinson, Cunningham, Hoghland, Buckmaster, Caleb Pell, John Pell, Messieurs Hawes, Lawrence, King, Morss, Douglass & Titus

[143] Negative

M^r^ Hardenbrook

A petition was received from Edward, Henry, William, Benjamin and Maria Laight, stating that they are seized as tenants in common of the estate at Corlaer's Hook late the property of Edward Laight deceased, which they are desirous of dividing among themselves; but cannot as the courses and width of Henry, Bedlow and Lombardy Streets, running through the said ground are not yet designated by the corporation and praying the Common Council to pass an ordinance directing the same. Whereupon ordered, that the said petition be referred to the committee of Streets and the Street commissioner

A report from the Street Commissioner and Comptroller on the reference to them respecting changing the name of Scammel Street was received and referred to the Street Commissioner & Comptroller, the Alderman and Assistant of the Tenth Ward and the Assistant of the Seventh Ward.

The Street Commissioner presented an ordinance for opening & improving Washington Street in the Fifth ward, which was passed. The Assessors names* were laid over.

The Street Commissioner, to whom was referred the †petition of James Vincent reported,

"That the said James Vincent contracted for regulating Chapel Street, which he has done and there remains due to him $235; which sum remains uncollected;

Of which Joshua Parker is assessed	$30.50
And Walter Bowne	48.80
which sums they refuse to pay for reasons set forth in the certificate, which accompanies this. There is also assessed to the Corporation of the City	$30.52

[144] The Street Commissioner is of opinion that the contractor ought not to suffer on account of mistakes in the assessment, and therefore, recommends, that the contractor be paid out of the treasury"

(signed) Samuel Stilwell S^{t} Com^{r}

The following is a copy of the certificate aluded to in the within report

Upon a complaint made to us the assessors appointed to assess Chapel Street by Joshua Parker for being wrongfully assessed, we on viewing the part complained of are of opinion, that if the contractor does not intend to fill in before the lot of J. Parker Bloodgood & Walter Bowne (which does not seem to be necessary) the amount of the assessments respectively ought to be deducted from the sums contracted for

John P. Ritter
New York Oct^{r} 4th 1810 (signed) George Cliland
Christian Tripler

Whereupon ordered, that the Comptroller report a warrant for $235. for payment to said Vincent & that a warrant issue to Noah Jarvis for collection of the same and that a warrant issue to Noah Jarvis for the collections of the sums due from the defaulters. Resolved also, that it be referred to the Street Commissioner and the Assistant of the Fifth Ward to enquire and report as to the situation of the Lot owned by Walter Bowne

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* Marginal note reads *See Page 190.*—ED.

† Marginal note reads *See P. 132.*—ED.

*The Road committee agreeably to the resolution of the Board presented a report on the subject of a new system for working the roads, the consideration of which was postponed.

The Committee, to whom was referred the †plan of John J. Boyreau respecting the establishing of a general chimney office reported.

That they have examined [145] the plan and considered the details as explained by him. At present they can only observe, that a due regard to the safety of the city as well as a respect to order and decency requires that this department should be taken out of the hands of the miserable corps, who, at present, manage it.

In consequence of no responsibility being attached to the poor little sweeps or to their cruel taskmasters, the business, at present, is executed carelessly, and that chimnies not being attended to, at regular intervals, frequently occasions accidents.

The Committee are, therefore, of opinion, that a plan calculated to regulate the department would not only meet the cordial approbation of the citizen; but contribute substantially to the safety and credit of the city

Doubts, however, have arisen whether the corporation are empowered to vest the management of this department exclusively in one individual, or in other respects, to render valid & efficient any general system, which might be advisable. Should this suggestion be deemed correct, the committee would then recommend an application to be made to the legislature for the requisite authority

Peter Mesier
(signed) Peter Hawes
William Hoghland

which report was agreed to

The same committee also presented a draft of a memorial to the legislature and of a bill to be enacted into a law, which were severally agreed to and ordered to be engrossed & forwarded to his Honour the Mayor now attending in the Senate at Albany

[146] The Comptroller reported Cash in the treasury	$5702. 4	
Warrants not presented	323. 9	
		$5378.95

Whereupon his Honour the Recorder was requested to issue his warrants for pay^{t} of the following sums

Lawrence & Van Wart—watch	592.90

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* Marginal note reads *See Page 68 & 166.*—ED.

† Marginal note reads *See Page 122.*—ED.

Farrington & White—watch	592.90	
Goodheart & Hays Do	779.80	
Jacob P. Roome Supert of repairs 1 quarters salary to 14th inst	154.	
Mary Jones printing 8 quires indentures	16.	
Matw Dikeman repairing pumps in 6th 8th and 10th wards	77.87	
Jas Richardson cleaning wells in 1st 5th 7th 8th & 10th	73.86	
John Fine repg pumps in 5th ward	56.25	
Estate of D Blackley decd Do 4th & 6th wards	42.	
Henry Brush repg pumps in 7th ward	35.75	
Enoch Hoyt 1st instalment for filling Corporation Lots at Brooklyn	666.66	
Abm Potts on acct of Green Street	200.	
Thos & George Lovett acct Fourth St	100.	
Kane & Daly on acct Spring St	100.	
Charles Mooney on acct Harison St	72.	
Wm Hyde de Neuville President of society for relief of French refugees	200.	
Jacob P. Roome Supt of repairs to purchase plank & to pay workmen to open the drain in Water Street & repair the same	500.	
John H. Sickles for New City Hall	1000.	
		5259.99
Bale in the treasury		$118.96

[147] In Common Council March 25th 1811

Present Pierre C. Van Wyck Esqr recorder President

Peter Mesier
Charles Dickinson
Richard Cunningham
William Hoghland
William Torrey
George Buckmaster
Caleb Pell
Nicholas Fish
Esqs Aldermen

Samuel Jones junr
Peter Hawes
Auge H. Lawrence
Elisha W. King
John Morss
Michael M. Titus
Wm A. Hardenbrook
Esqs Assistants

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A letter was received from his Honour the Mayor informing the Board, that he had received their memorial to the Legislature respecting the Government House, which had been presented & referred to the Comptroller, who had reported in favour of selling the same to the Corporation for a sum not less than $50,000 which, however, was opposed and it was doubtful whether it would obtain legislative sanction. He further observed, that the bills, in which the Corporation was concerned would receive his attention

*A petition of sundry owners of Lotts in Sullivan Street between Spring & Prince Streets, praying permission to regulate said street themselves in front of their own lots was received. Ordered, that the same be referred to the Street Commissioner

The following persons were appointed firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the corresponding vacancies viz

Fire Engine Company N° 25

John L. Franklin Merchant N° 34 Hudson Street 5th ward v. John Stimers resigned.

[148] Stephen Cornell N° 398 Front St v. John Stimers resigned

John H. Green, watchmaker N° 199 Greenwich Street v. Nicholas Delaplaine resigned

A complaint was made of sundry inhabitants of the Tenth ward respecting deposits of manure, which were highly offensive. Ordered to be referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Tenth ward & the City Inspector

A request was received from David Mumford to be permitted to erect a lime house in the St in Broadway and to build a vault in the street fronting his house and a request from Abraham Binninger for permission to place building materials in the street and to build a vault in Maiden Lane, which were granted under the direction of the Alderman and Assistant of the Ward and the Street Commissioner on condition, that the vaults be finished in three weeks.

Resolved, further, that it shall hereafter be considered as a regulation, that all vaults, which shall be permitted to be built shall be completed and the ground closed on them in three weeks after they are commenced.

†Petitions from A. L. Stewart for himself and Leonard Lispenard & Sarah Beach requesting permission to dig a channel to carry off the water along Canal Street from the end of Sullivan Street to the present outlet into Greenwich Street for the purpose of draining their grounds between Spring and Canal Street was read [& referred] to the Aldermen and Assistants of the Fifth & Eighth wards & Street Commissioner

‡A petition from sundry inhabitants stating, that owing to the bad condition of the drain in Chappel Street, it overflowed the adjacent cellars & praying relief in the premises was read [149] and referred to the above committee

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* Marginal note reads *See P. 162.*—ED.

† Marginal note reads *See P. 162.*—ED.

‡ Marginal note reads *See Page 217.*—ED.

A petition of John Green & of sundry inhabitants praying, that the ferry established at the foot of Hammond Street at Greenwich might be removed to Spring Street basin was read & referred to the Ferry Committee

A petition was received from John M'Kesson, stating, that a resolution had passed the Common Council for granting to the petitioner and George Clinton a certain Water Lot between Murray and Warren Streets; that since the passing of the same, he had disposed of his right in and to the said grant to George Clinton and praying that the Grant for the same may be made to the said George Clinton which was agreed to and the Comptroller was directed to make the grant accordingly.

A petition of Luke Whaley for the stand N° 31 Fly Market was read & referred to the Market Committee.

An application of Doctor Torbert to be permitted to occupy the half of the Street opposite to N° 1 Catharine Street with building materials during the time he shall be building on the said lot was granted under the direction of the Alderman and assistant of the ward and the Street Commissioner

*A petition of Walter Allen for payment for building a bulkhead &c at Peck Slip was received and referred to the committee on wharves, piers and slips.

A petition of Joseph Heely to be appointed overseer of roads was read & referred to the road committee

A remonstrance was received from certain inhabitants of Broadway against relaying a part of the pavement of said Street, which was referred to the Committee on Streets and the Street Commissioner

[150] A petition of William Bryden to be permitted to use certain tan vats between Canal and Mercer Street was received. Whereupon resolved, that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition

Upon a representation of the Attorney of the Board, it was referred to the Comptroller, to enquire what, if any, fee, had been paid to Mess^{s} Colden & Baldwin of Counsel for the Corporation in the cause of Colver against them, and to report such warrant at the next meeting as should amount to the sum of $100 to each of them

M^{r} Hawes laid before the Board a letter he had received from James Burrill Esq^{r} of Providence on the subject of certain suits, which Culver had also brought against persons in the State of Rhode Island.

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* Marginal note reads *See P. 216.*—ED.

which letter was directed to be referred to the Counsel of this Board in Culver's case with instructions to answer the same

The City Inspector presented drafts of ordinances for the correction of sundry nuisances from N° 7401 to N° 7550 inclusive, which were passed.

A petition was received from Thomas & George Lovett praying payment for regulating &c Stanton Street & Pitt Street, which was referred to the Street Commissioner.

*A petition from a number of proprietors in Magazine Street praying the Common Council to order the same to be raised above the level at present determined for it, was received & referred to the Committee on Streets and the Street Commissioner

A petition from John Jacob Astor remonstrating against opening Washington Street between the property of John P. Ritter and the State Prison, which [151] was referred to the Committee on Streets and the Street Commissioner

A petition of Charles E Duncan to be appointed a Weigh master for the Seventh ward was read and referred to the committee appointed on a similar application viz Alderman Cunningham, Buckmaster & M^r^ King.

A petition of Henry Shute for the office of Inspector of manure and from Philip K. Lawrence for appointment as Street Inspector were received and laid on the table.

A petition from sundry inhabitants praying the improvement of Washington Street between Hubert and Spring Streets was received and referred to the Committee on Streets and the Street Commissioner.

†A petition of M^rs^ Usher stating, that her husband now deceased was the inventor of the distillation and preparation of mineral waters, which she is now pursuing for the maintenance of her family & praying permission to vend the same in the vestible of the City Hall was read & referred to Messieurs Lawrence, Hawes & King

‡A remonstrance was received from sundry inhabitants against widening Roosevelt Street was referred to the Street Commissioner & Comptroller

The Committee, to whom was referred the account of John Anderson for building a pier at Charlotte Slip, reported, that they have examined the work done and find the account correct

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* Marginal note reads *See Page 213.*—ED.

† Marginal note reads *See Page 163.*—ED.

‡ Marginal note reads *See Page 134 & 163.*—ED.

Fourth instalment	$1309.75
Extra Work	970.12
	$2279.87

[152] Whereupon ordered, that the Comptroller report a warrant for payment of the same

The Committee, to whom was referred the *petition of Peter Schermerhorn respecting side walks at Beekman Slip and South Street reported

That, as this property is all to be occupied for Commercial purposes to render it convenient for storing heavy packages, they are of opinion, that the walks ought not to be as wide as the law directs; but would recommend, that the side walks in South Street between Burling and Beekman Slip by 12 feet wide; and on the West side of Beekman Slip between South and Front Streets be made ten feet wide and on the East side of Burling Slip, between South and Front Streets, six feet wide within the curb stone

25th March 1811 (signed) Samuel Stilwell
Peter Hawes

Which report was agreed to

The Committee, to whom was referred the subject of the New City Hall presented a report the consideration of which was postponed until the next meeting of the Board.

The Committee on the Fire Department on the petition of Fire Engine Company N° 22 for an addition of four men reported, that, in their opinion, the prayer of the petition ought to be granted, which was agreed to.

The Attorney of the Board on the petition of William Dusenbury reported against the petitioners which report was confirmed

On motion the Market law was amend [ed] by adding in the fourth clause after the word " sell " the words " or expose " to sale "

The attorney of the Board on the petition of Martha Clark, presented a report, which was [153] referred back to him for explanation

The attorney of the Board presented the assessment of the jury for opening & widening Washington St from Harrison Street to and including the property of Mr John M'Kie, which was ordered to be referred to Messieurs Lawrence, King & Alderman Hoghland

The Committee, on the petition of Mathew Welsh reported in favour of remitting the penalty on his paying the costs, which report was confirmed

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* Marginal note reads *See Page 141.*—ED.

The Committee, to whom was referred the subject of widening Chapel Street from one hundred feet South of Sugar Loaf Street to Leonard Street reported,

"That the Southern part of Chapel Street is forty feet and the Northern 90 feet wide. The contemplated improvement is to continue it ninety feet wide to Leonard Street, a distance of one hundred feet farther South, where the width of said street, at present is forty feet; the expense for ground & buildings to be taken will be somewhere between eight or ten thousand dollars

Considering the magnitude of the expense together with the small (if any benefit) that will result by said extension to most of the property, that will have to be assured, and also that the property in that neighbourhood has within the year past been very heavily assessed for the regulating and opening streets; a portion of which is still unpaid, and that the assessment for Canal Street will shortly have to be collected. From all these considerations, together with the additional one of their being no application for widening said street from those contemplated to be benefitted and who consequently will have to bear the [154] greater part of the expense. The Committee are therefore of opinion, that it would be inexpedient, at this time, to take any further measures respecting the same

(signed) John Morss
Samuel Stilwell

Which report was approved.

The Street Commissioner & Comptroller, on the petition of Daniel Woolsey reported

"That, on the 28th day of May last, the committee, on the petition of Samuel Lawrence and others relative to running out piers at the Albany basin reported, that the applicants for the said improvements to be made, agree to advance the money required for defraying the proportionable part of the expense thereof to be paid by the Corporation, the same to be repaid at the expiration of four years and secured by the bond of the Corporation and to bear interest at the rate of six per cent per annum; which report was agreed to and the Street Commissioner directed. in conjunction with the proprietors to advertise for contract for making said piers

On the 17th September following, the committee, on wharves, slips and piers, to whom was referred the propriety of sinking a block in the from of an L at the end of the new pier at the Albany Basin, recommended, that the same be directed to be done; which report was agreed to and the block to be sunk on the same terms, as those, on which the pier is to be constructed.

The Street Commissioner has examined the account rendered by Mr Woolsey and finds that the proportion due by the Corporation for building the blocks, piers and ells on the South side of Albany Basin North River is $6660.83. due the 26th December 1810: and the subscribers recommend, that [155] agreeably to the above mentioned resolutions of the Board, a bond should issue in favour of Daniel Woolsey or his order, for the above sum, payable in four years from the 26th December last, with interest at the rate of six per Cent per annum

(signed) Samuel Stilwell
G. N. Bleeker

Which report was agreed to and a bond directed to be issued agreeably to said report.

On motion, resolved, that the Superintendant of repairs, under the direction of the Committee of repairs take measures to have the docks and piers and the ferry stairs belonging to this Corporation forthwith repaired, wherever the same may be necessary.

The Street Commissioner presented the assessment for widening Stone Street, which was confirmed and Morris D. Camp was appointed collector.

The Street Commissioner presented the assessment for widening Front Street, which was confirmed, and Noah Jarvis was appointed Collector.

The Street Commissioner and the Comptroller to whom was referred the petition of Thomas Duggan find no inaccuracy or impropriety in the assessment, complained of; but respectfully submit to the Board the propriety of allowing time to the petitioner to pay the amount due

(signed) Samuel Stilwell
G. N. Bleeker

which report was accepted and time given for payment of Mr Duggan's assessment till the 2d day of June next.

The Street Commissioner stated, that the Water Course in Canal Street between Collect and Green Streets was so filled as to overflow the ground on the East side of Collect Street. Whereupon the Street [156] Commissioner was directed to take immediate measures to remedy the evil

The Street Commissioner presented returns of delinquents upon the assessments on Harison & Lispenard Streets & Lombardy Park.

Whereupon ordered, that warrants issue to Noah Jarvis to collect the same.

The Committee, to whom was referred the petition of sundry watchmen against Captain Farrington reported, " that they have made that enquiry, which the serious imputations against the character of the said John Farrington and the high charges alleged against him as Captain of the watch, made necessary.

The only witness in support of the charges, that appeared, notwithstanding all the watch were present, was the complainant Elijah Haines himself alluded principally to a single case, which occurred upwards of a year ago, when it appeared, that Farrington invited him (Haines) when on duty to take a drink with him; that from his first applying to a Cooper's Shop and afterwards to a grocery for liquor, he (Haines) concluded, that Farrington was intoxicated. The tyrannical behaviour spoken of by his testimony alone alluded to what took place after he was discharged from the watch. It appeared, that in conversation with Farrington respecting some slander, which either he or his wife had been guilty of circulating; and in consequence of repeating the same, to Farrington's face, he was by him ordered out of the watch house. On appearing to comply with said order, rather reluctantly, Farrington threatened him and walked quick up to him; but did not strike him

Jonas C. Rhodes and Andrew V. Stout the [157] two other subscribers to the memorial utterly disclaim having any intention of charging said Farrington with the conduct and practices mentioned in said memorial and that when signing the same, they were led to believe, that they were only representing the causes of their several discharges.

They also fully concurred in the representation of the fifteen witnesses, who were examined, some of whom had been twenty two and several sixteen years watchmen in this city. These watchmen represented that Farrington had always conducted himself soberly, orderly and properly and that as captain he was only rigid to those, who neglected their duty. Many more were present, who, the committee understand, would have corroborated the testimony; but the committee were satisfied

They, therefore, are of opinion, that the charges contained in the memorial against John Farrington Captain of the City Watch are altogether without foundation

(signed) Isaac S Douglass
which report was agreed to. Peter Mesier

Alderman Mesier from the Steam Ferry Boat Committee reported the terms of the leases to be given to the Jersey Association for a Steam Ferry Boat to Pawles Hook and to M^r John Stevens for a steam ferry boat to Hoboken, which were referred to M^r Hawes as Counsel to examine the drafts and to engross them.

The Committee on the subject of the police reported the draft of a memorial to the legislature and a bill to be enacted into a law corresponding therewith, which were approved and directed to be engrossed, sealed and forwarded to his Honour the Mayor to be presented to the legislature at their present session

The following is a copy of the memorial

[158] To the Honourable the Legislature of the State of New York in Senate & Assembly convened

The memorial of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York respectfully sheweth

That a perfect police is in the opinion of your memorialists of extreme importance in every city and particularly in one daily and rapidly encreasing like the city of New York. In perfecting such a police, the activity of the inferior officers & agents of the Police Magistrates is every way important and competent rewards are consequently necessary to stimulate such activity. At present, there are constables & marshals, in the service of the City Police, whose compensation arises merely from very trivial fees, which are allowed them by law, and which are the same in all cases, whether such cases are important or unimportant. It is very apparent to your memorialists, that in cases of difficulty and importance the established fees of office can hold out very partial inducement for increased exertion, and that, therefore, capital criminals may, through the want of competent remuneration to these inferior officers of justice, baffle pursuit & escape the penalties of the law

Your memorialists are, therefore, anxious, that some remedy may be applied to this gross defect, and they beg leave to suggest the following. Since the first establishment of the Police office in the city of New York, large quantities of property of various kinds & of considerable value seized under suspicion of being stolen have devolved to the office by remaining unclaimed by any owner: And from the proceeds of the sale of such property, the expenses of the office have been annually paid and a large surplus left in the hands [159] of the magistrates unappropriated. The proceeds of this unclaimed property with occasional assistance from the public revenue of the State will form a sufficient fund more effectually to encourage the vigilance and activity of the several branches of a police confessedly of great benefit to the whole state of New York.

Your memorialists, therefore, pray, that provision may be made by law for the disposal of the property so remaining in the said office unclaimed at the expiration of every six months & that the proceeds thereof may be paid into the treasury & an established salary in addition to the existing fees may be allowed out of the public treasury to such constables and marshals as the police Magistrates may select on account of their vigilance & fidelity to attend at the said office and to execute their commands

And your memorialists &c.

The Comptroller reported cash in the treasury	$5631.37
Warrants not presented	403.92
	$5227.45

Whereupon his Honour the recorder was requested to issue his warrants for payment of the following sums.

Southwick & Pelsue, printing for City Insp^{r} office &c	174.	
Enoch Hoyt amount of his contract for filling Collect Lots	605.60	
William Lawrence for ground taken to open Dover Street	1113.50	
James Vincent balance for regulating Chappel Street	235.	
J H. Sickles for New City Hall	2000.	
		4128.10
	Balance in treasury	$1099.35

[160] In Common Council April 1st 1811

Present Pierre C. Van Wyck Recorder President

Esq^{s} Aldermen	Esq^{s} Assistants
Peter Mesier	Samuel Jones jun^{r}
Charles Dickinson	Peter Hawes
George Buckmaster	Aug^{e} H. Lawrence
Caleb Pell	Elisha W. King
Nicholas Fish	John Morss
John Pell	Isaac S. Douglass
	Mich^{l} M. Titus
	William Welling
	W^{m} A. Hardenbrook

The minutes of last meeting were read & approved.

A letter from Gouverneur Morris, in behalf of the Commissioners of Streets and roads inclosing an account of John Randell Jun^{r} the balance of which amounted to $912.77, for which he requested payment was read. Whereupon ordered, that a warrant issue immediately for the same payable out of the first monies received in the treasury.

A petition for opening Lombardy Street to Corlaers Hook was read and referred to the Street Commissioner

A petition of William Melville and of Abel Holden for the appointment of Road master was read and ordered to lie on the table

A petition of Charles Loss praying reimbursement of loss incurred by opening Hudson S^{t} was read & referred to the Street Commissioner

A petition of John Stamler for Stall N^{o} 53 Fly Market was read & referred to the Market Committee*

Petitions for regulating Broome Street according [161] to a plan submitted & for paving Hester Street from Mulberry to Mercer Street were read & referred to the Street Commissioner†

A petition for a lamp at the corner of Jay & West Streets was read & referred to the Lamp Committee

A request was received from Alfred J Pell, stating, that having married the daughter of the late James Duane formerly Mayor of this city, he and his wife were desirous of being permitted to have a copy taken of his portrait now in the possession of the Common Council. Whereupon ordered, that permission be given under the direction of the Clerk of the Common Council.

A petition was received from sundry inhabitants praying that bridges might be erected at the end of Walker and of Lispenard Streets, which was referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the Fifth Ward

A remonstrance was received from sundry inhabitants of Grand Street against granting permission to certain owners of lots to make the regulations of said street required by the Board, by which they would be exempted from the general assessment for the regulation of said street. Ordered, that the same be referred to the Street Commissioner

The City Inspector represented, that a sunken lot at the corner of Elizabeth & Spring Streets was offensive to the Neighbourhood, that the owner could not be found and he recommended, that the said lot be filled up by the Corporation and the expense be made a lien on the property. Which report was agreed to and the City Inspector directed to cause it to be done

The City Inspector reported drafts of ordinances [162] for correction of sundry nuisances from Nº 7551 to Nº 7600 inclusive, which were passed.

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* Marginal note reads *See page 203.*—ED.

† Marginal note reads *See Page 188.*—ED.

A petition of Seth Hubbard to be appointed a marshal to attend the park was read and referred to the Committee on the park.

A petition of John Vanderbelt was received complaining, that the adjoining lots Nº 513, 515 Greenwich Street are so low as materially to injure his property. Whereupon ordered, that the same be referred to the City Inspector*

A petition was received from Lawrence Lewis Berta requesting permission to hire Fire Engine House Nº 20 for a fruit store. Ordered, that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition

The Street Commissioner, reported on the petition of Thomas & George Lovett, which report was confirmed and the Street Commissioner directed to carry the same into effect.

The Street Commissioner on the †petition for regulating Sullivan Street reported in favour of granting the prayer of the petition, provided the petitioners performed the work by the first day of June next, Which report was agreed to

A memorial of Fire Engine Company Nº 20 for a new and larger Engine House was read and referred to the Committee on the fire department

The Committee on the ‡petition of A L Stewart and others for permission to dig a drain along Canal Street reported, that, in their opinion, the petitioners should have leave to dig an outlet for the water ponded on the meadow; but that leave should be granted under the directions of a proper Committee and that all [163] the expenses should be borne & paid by the petitioners

Caleb Pell
(signed) Wᵐ Welling
Samuel Stilwell

Whereupon the said report was approved & ordered to be executed, under the direction of the Aldermen and Assistants of the Fifth and Eighth wards

The Street Commissioner & Comptroller, to whom was referred the subject of opening ||Roosevelt Street presented a report. A further remonstrance against opening said street was also presented. Whereupon ordered, that the said report and remonstrance be referred to the Sᵗ Commissioner & Comptroller.

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* Marginal note reads *See page 216.*—ED. † Marginal note reads *See P. 147.*—ED. ‡ Marginal note reads *See Page 148.*—ED. || Marginal note reads *See Page 134 & 151.*—ED.

The Committee, to whom was referred the *petition of the widow Sophia Usher reported, that they see no inconvenience, which can arise to the public, by granting her request; that they have consulted Mr Skaats the keeper of the hall and have selected a suitable place for the Lady in the vestibule, where the Honourable the Corporation, the Courts and our Fellow Citizens generally may be supplied with her most excellent waters

A. H. Lawrence
(signed) Peter Hawes
E. W. King

Which report was agreed to.

The following persons were appointed additional firemen to Engine Company No 31 in consequence of their having obtained a new and larger engine

Thomas Platt painter No 276 Greenwich St 5th Wd
James Webb, carpenter No 148 Church St 5th ward
Moses Marsh carpenter No 51 White St 5th ward
[164] James Howard carpenter No 77 Chapel Street
Samuel Dean painter No 189 Church Street
Jeremiah Sprowles Carpenter 103 Church Street
Ebenezer Nickerson Cartman No 120 Church
Nicholas Henrickson painter No 78 Reed St

George Jones merchant No 1 Anthony Street 5th ward was also appointed a member of the said Fire Company No 31. v. George Lamplin deceased.

Mr Hawes, to whom it had been referred as Counsel to draft a lease to be executed to John Stevens for the ferry at Hoboken to be navigated by Steam Boats reported the same engrossed. Which was approved and ordered to be executed

Mr Hawes presented the following

Resolved, that a committee be appointed to enquire and report what alterations are necessary to be made on this side the river to accommodate the Steam Boats to be placed on the Hoboken ferry according to the covenants contained in the lease of the said ferry to John Stevens, which was agreed to and referred to the Steam Boat Committee

A certified copy of an act lately passed by the legislature of the state authorising the Common Council to pass ordinances to regulate the sweeping of chimnies in this city was laid before the Board.

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* Marginal note reads *See Page 151.*—ED.

Whereupon resolved, that it be referred to the former committee on the subject to report the necessary ordinance for carrying the same into effect. The committee are Alderman Mesier, Hoghland & M^r^ Hawes

The Commissioners for laying out streets and roads [165] presented a map designating the roads and streets into which they had divided the island in pursuance of the powers vested in them by the act of the Legislature of this State, Passed on the day of Whereupon ordered, that the same be referred to Alderman Fish M^r^ Hardenbrook & M^r^ Jones

On motion resolved, that it be referred to the Committee on Laws & ordinances to draft and forward to the legislature a memorial requesting, that an act may be passed authorizing the Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty & such persons as they shall employ to enter upon the grounds of individuals, to make surveys, to erect monuments thereon and to do such other acts as may be necessary to carry into effect the provisions contained in the act entitled " An act

On motion the Board proceeded to ballot for a person to fill the vacancy in the Wood inspection department occasioned by the death of Joshua Hunt, when David Waldron was duly elected to the same.

M^r^ Hawes moved, that the office of weigher of Hay at Georges Slip be vacated. On motion the consideration thereof was postponed.

On motion Thomas Taylor was chosen a Commissioner of the Alms House and Bridewell

On motion, resolved, that in all future sales or leases of property belonging to this Board, it be made a condition of the sale, that the conveyances of said property be paid by the purchaser or Lessee

On motion, the Board took up the consideration of the report of the Road Committee presented on [166] the 18^th^ ultimo, which being read was in the words following

" The Committee, to whom were referred the several *applications of Oliver Waldron, Jonathan Hardman & John C. Kimmel to be appointed overseers of roads together with a resolution of the Board directing the Committee to inquire & report whether any & what amendment to the present system of working the roads could be devised, report,

That, under the present ordinance, the roads have been divided into two districts, each having an overseer with labourers, horses and

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* Marginal note reads *See 144 & 68.*—ED.

carts varying in number according to circumstances; that, from the employment of two agents for the mere purpose of overseeing & directing the work, a considerable expense has been created beyond what would have been adequate to the object of keeping the roads in good repair, under some other plan of conducting the business; that from their present view of the subject the committee are of opinion, that it would be adviseable to have the roads worked and kept in repair by contract, and for this purpose, they submit the following resolution

Resolved, that the roads on this island for the present season, be worked & kept in repair by contract, under the superintendance & direction of the Road Committee, and that they be authorised to arrange the roads into so many & convenient districts as they may think proper, to advertise for proposals for working them and to enter into one or more contracts for carrying the same into effect. And that the said committee be authorised to employ persons, horses, [167] oxen and carts to make occasional repairs to such parts of the roads, as in their judgment may require the same until contracts can be entered into

Nicholas Fish
(signed) A H. Lawrence
John Pell

Whereupon resolved, that the upper district be worked agreeably to said reports and that an overseer be appointed for the lower district and on motion, the appointment of an overseer for the lower district was postponed.

On motion, ordered, that the Attorney of the Board take immediate measures to put the present Lessee of the Flag Staff at the Battery into possession

Ordered, that the Superintendant of repairs furnish staves of office to such of the members of the Board, as are not provided with the same.

On motion, resolved, that the injunction of secrecy heretofore imposed upon the members of this Board respecting the measures pursued for procuring a proper scite for an Alms House be taken off and the clerk enter the proceedings thereon upon the minutes

[168] The Comptroller reported Cash in the treasury	3833.56
Warrant not presented	200.
	$3633.56

Whereupon his Honour the recorder was requested to issue his warrants for pay^{t} of the following sums

Lawrance & Van Wart—watch		$592.90	
Farrington & White D^{o}		592.90	
Goodheart & Hays D^{o}		779.80	
Ja^{s} Hardie 1 month's salary	62.50		
transcribing 12 leases for ferry com^{e}	12.		
		74.50	
And^{w} Otterson Ass^{t} City In^{r} 1 month		52.	
R. Graves Ass^{t} S^{t} Com^{r} 1 month		52.	
Adrian B. Holmes 1 D^{o}		52.	
W^{m} P. Roome, keeper Potters field 1 M^{o}		31.	
Nich^{s} Lozier attending the Battery 8 days approved by Ald^{n} Mesier		12.	
O Neil & Lee repairing wells in 6th 8th and 10th wards		174.84	
Ab^{m} Stagg on acc^{t} of Lispenard S^{t}		180.	
Moran & Kerney on acc^{t} of Crosby S^{t}		120.	
C. D. Colden counsel fee, in case of Colver vs Corporation —balance		50.	
Charles Baldwin D^{o} D^{o}		50.	
John Anderson on acc^{t} of 4th instalment for pier at Charlotte Slip and extra work		800.	
			3613.94
Balance in treas^{y}			19.62

[169] In Common Council 8th April 1811

Present Pierre C. Van Wyck Esq^{r} Recorder President

Peter Mesier	Esq^{rs} Aldermen	Samuel Jones jun^{r}	Esq^{rs} Assistants
Charles Dickinson		Peter Hawes	
Richard Cunningham		Aug^{e} H. Lawrence	
William Hoghland		Elisha W. King	
William Torrey		John Morss	
George Buckmaster		Isaac S. Douglass	
Caleb Pell		William Welling	
John Pell		William A. Hardenbrook	

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A petition of Thomas Palmer for payment for paving Elizabeth Street was read & referred *to the Street Commissioner

A petition of William Bridges for the copy right of the map filed by the Commissioners of Streets and roads offering to have the same engraved and to furnish to the corporation free of expense copies of the same was read and ordered to be referred to the committee, to whom the said map has been referred viz Alderman Fish M^{r} Hardenbrook & M^{r} Jones

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* Marginal note reads *See Page 188.*—ED.

Petitions of Mary Culbertson & Bridget Lyons for huckster's stands in the Fly Market; of Nathaniel Underhill for stall N° 42 Fly Market; of Nazareth B. Vermillyea for stall N° 32 in the same market and a petition from sundry inhabitants praying, that the temporary market at the arsenal might be removed to ground between Broome and Spring Streets in the Eighth ward, left by [170] Nicholas Bayard Esq^{r} deceased for public purposes were read and severally referred to the Market Committee

A petition from A. L. Stewart and others praying, that Laight Street. from Greenwich Street to Hudson Square. and from Hudson Square to Canal Street may be regulated was read and referred *to the Street Commissioner

A remonstrance of Rufus King & others against the ordinance directing certain gutter stones to be laid round Hudson Square was read & referred† to the Street Commissioner

A memorial of Samuel L. Page on the subject of the debt due from him to the Corporation was read and referred ‡to the Comptroller with directions to him also to state at the next meeting the account of said Page with the Corporation

A petition of William B. Kipp & Truman Hamilton to rent Bull's & Fort Lee ferries were read & referred to the Ferry Committee

A petition of James Drake for payment of his Bond was read & referred to the finance committee and Comptroller

A petition of the inhabitants of Mulberry Street praying that said street may be regulated & paved from Broome to Hester Street was read and referred ||to the Street Commissioner

A petition of Joshua Parker complaining of an assessment upon his lot at the corner of Leonard & Chappel Street was read & referred to the Street Commissioner

A petition of James Ridgeway for permission to assign the lease of lot N° 5 Magazine Street to John Bolan was read & referred §to the Comptroller with authority to cause the transfer to be [171] made. if in his opinion proper

A petition of William Kane to receive free of expense a licence to retail liquors was read & referred to the committee of charity with authority to allow him $5 for payment of the same

A petition of Rodman Bowne praying an extension of his lease of Catharine Slip ferry two years beyond the present time & offering to

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keep in repairs the ferry stairs on each side and at his own expense to erect a bulkhead on the Long Island side was read & referred *to the ferry Committee

A petition of William M'Leod for leave to erect a vault in front of his house in Greenwich Street near Courtlandt Street and a petition of Thomas Egerton to erect a lime house in Magazine Street were granted under the usual restrictions and under the direction of the Aldermen & Assistants of the respective wards & the Street Commissioner

The following persons were appointed firemen, the chief engineer certifying the vacancies

Fire Engine Company N° 20

William Brown baker N° 33 Ann Street Second W^d v. Gilbert B. Mott resigned

Thomas Rose, grocer corner Rector & Greenwich Streets Third Ward v. Samuel P. Pearsall resigned.

Fire Engine Company N° 29

John West, Carpenter Hammond Street Eighth Ward v Isaac Martine resigned.

N° 30

Jacob Ames butcher Elizabeth Street Eighth ward v. Samuel Huestis resigned

John Lawrance, shoemaker Elizabeth Street Eighth ward, v. Jonathan Woolsey resigned

[172] Fire Engine Company N° 33

Gerard J. Beekman merch^t Lombardy Street 7^th W^d v. William Powell resigned

Jesse Baldwin cartman Goerck Street Tenth ward v. Daniel Barker resigned

Barnes Underhill cartman Broome Street Tenth ward v. Charles Smith Junior resigned

Joseph Smith Carman Goerck S^t 10^th ward v. Samuel Hopkins resigned

A petition for paving with Flag Stones the side walks of Marketfield Street from Broadway to the dock was read & referred to the Street Commissioner

A petition of Orutha Stiles praying remission of penalties incurred

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* Marginal note reads *See page 210.*—ED.

under the ordinance against forestalling was read & referred to the attorney of the Board for a statement of facts*

The Street Commissioner, to whom was referred the petition for paving and regulating Hester Street from Mulberry to Mercer Street reported, that as no measures have been taken to open Elm or Crosby Street from Hester Street to Canal Street, The Street Commissioner has not been able to decide on a proper regulation for Hester Street between Broadway & Rynder Street; but as the other parts are in a situation that requires paving, he begs leave to present an ordinance for paving Hester Street from Mulberry to Rynder Street & from Broadway to Mercer Street

(signed) Samuel Stilwell.

which report was agreed to and the ordinance presented by him was *past*. [passed]

The Street Commissioner, on the petition for regulating Thompson Street reported an ordinance for regulating the same from Spring Street to Houston [173] Street, which was passed.

The Street Commissioner, to whom was referred the petition of Charles Loss praying for reimbursement of rent paid to John Jacob Astor reported,

That, in his opinion this is not a proper subject of discussion for this board, as he can find no order of the Common Council for taking the property, which is said to be the cause of dispute

(signed) Samuel Stilwell

which report was agreed to.

The Street Commissioner, to whom was referred the petition for opening and regulating Lombardy Street reported, that the petition is so indefinite, that he has not been able to frame an ordinance so as to meet the views of the petitioners, or to judge of the propriety of their request

He is of opinion, therefore, that the petitioners should have leave to withdraw their petition in order to fix the points, to which they propose to have the proposed regulations extended

(signed) Samuel Stilwell

which report was agreed to

The Street Commissioner, to whom was referred the petition for opening Columbia Street Westward to Hudson Street and Eastward to Christopher Street reported, that, in his opinion, the property to be assessed would be benefitted more than the expense of the improvement, as the ground is vacant to the Eastward, and the buildings of but little value between Bedford Street and the Church ground; and M^{r} Barrow says he will answer for opening through the Church Ground to Hudson S^{t} at right angles with Hudson Street, without expense, according to a sketch given by him & herewith [174] presented; provided the church shall bear no part of the assessment

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* Marginal note reads *See page 196.*—ED.

The Street Commissioner would, therefore, recommend, that the Attorney of the Board be directed to take legal measures to open the said Columbia Street Eastward to Christopher Street, and westward to the line of the Church ground

(signed) Samuel Stilwell

Which report was agreed to & the Attorney of the Board was directed to take legal measures for opening said street

The Street Commissioner made the following communication

" The Street Commissioner having been ordered at the last meeting of the Board to sell lots of M^{rs} Montgomery to pay an assessment has delayed to the present time, in order to ask, if it would not be adviseable to advertise, at the same time, for the sale of the tan-yard of Stockholm, and two lots fronting on Orange Street, and several other lots on Green Street and some, in other places, the owners of which could not be found or have not paid the assessments or expenses of filling and regulating or regulating and paving the streets in front of the said lots. The decision of the Board on this subject is the more desireable as several of the contractors are yet unpaid "

(signed) Samuel Stilwell

which report was approved and the Street Commissioner directed to advertise the lots mentioned in his report.

The Street Commissioner and Comptroller to whom had been referred back their former report on opening Roosevelt Street & the remonstrance on that subject, which report was in the words [175] following

" The Comptroller and Street Commissioner, to whom was referred part of a report of the 11th ult: respecting opening or widening Roosevelt Street & a remonstrance of Sixty Eight persons against widening the said street, beg leave to report,

That it appears, at the time Roosevelt Street was opened from Cherry to Water Streets, an assessment was ordered to defray the expenses thereof. Your Committee are of opinion, that assessment was never made, as they have searched, but have not been able to find any appearance of it.

The amount of the expense then ordered to be assessed, added to the expense of the proposed improvement, in the opinion of your committee would far exceed all the benefit the people in that vicinity would be deemed to acquire, considering that obstructions would still remain between Cherry Street & Batavia Lane, and would appear between Water Street and the River on the East side of the Street: and to remove all the obstructions would amount to a sum far above what those to be benefitted would be willing to pay. These, with other reasons, that might be given, together with those stated in the remonstrance are thought sufficient to warrant the committee in advising, that all further proceedings for widening Roosevelt Street be suspended"

April 1st 1811 (signed) G. N. Bleecker Comptroller
Samuel Stilwell Street Comr

The same Committee now reported, that for the reasons stated in the remonstrances, and in the report, they are still of opinion, that all further proceedings for widening Roosevelt Street be suspended"

Apl 8th 1811 (signed) Saml Stilwell St Comr
G. N. Bleeker Comptr

[176] which report was confirmed

The attorney of the Board reported, that in the suit of Benjamin Culver vs the Corporation respecting the Mud Machine, the plaintiff had on the trial submitted to a non-suit; that the agent of the plaintiff was desirous, that a committee of the Corporation should meet him to see, if some amicable arrangement of the dispute could not be made. Ordered, that the same be referred to Mr Lawrence & Mr Jones.

This being the period assigned by law for the appointment of Inspectors for the annual State Election, the Board proceeded to choose the same by ballot, when the following persons were duly chosen viz

John Nitchie junr	First Ward
Stephen Whitney	
Andrew Morris	
George Griswold	Second Ward
John Depeyster	
Adam Tredwell	
Thomas L Ogden	Third Ward
Abraham Stagg	
John Bogert	

Robert Bogardus	Fourth Ward
William Jones	
Peter M'Carty	
Henry Heiser	Fifth Ward
Roger Strong	
Amos Corning	
Stephen Price	Sixth Ward
Stephen Bourdett	
Garrit B. Abeel	
Charles Dickinson	Seventh Ward
Robert M'Dermutt	
Samuel Torbert	
[177] Aquila Giles	Eighth Ward
Jasper Ward	
Samuel Whittemore	
Valantine Nutter	Ninth Ward
Jacob Harsin	
John Adriance	
Jamison Cox	Tenth Ward
Ezekiel Bishop	
George Downing	

The Market Committee on the petition of Lester Whaley for Stall Nº 31 Fly Market reported, that finding Stall Nº 24 in said market vacant, they recommend, that the same be granted to him, which was agreed to

Mr King presented the following, Resolved, that a committee be appointed to take into consideration the propriety of restraining Common Street Beggars and that the said Committee have leave to report by ordinance or otherwise, Which was agreed to and a committee appointed consisting of Alderman Mesier, Buckmaster & Mr King

The following ordinance was presented by Mr Hawes, which being read and agreed to by paragraphs was finally passed.

A Law

to prevent gambling in the Streets and public grounds in the City of New York, Passed 8th April 1811

Whereas the assembling of persons in the park and other public places of this city, particularly on holidays, for the purpose of gambling, is a practice highly injurious to the morals of the young & rising generation; for remedy whereof

1st Be it ordained by the Mayor, Aldermen & [178] Commonalty of the City of New York, in Common Council convened. That it shall not be lawful for any person or persons, either on a holiday or on any day whatever, to put or place in or about the park, or in any of the public grounds, or streets, lanes or alleys of this city, any table or device of any kind whatever, by which gambling or any game of chance or hazard can or may be played under the penalty of twenty five dollars for each offence

2d And be it further ordained, That it shall not be lawful for any person or persons, either on a holiday or on any other day whatever, to play at dice or at any other game of chance or hazard, for money or any thing whatever, in the park or in any of the public grounds or streets, lanes or alleys of this city, under the penalty of five dollars for each offence

3d And be it further ordained, That if any person, who shall contravene this ordinance shall be a minor, an apprentice, a servant or a slave, his or her parent or guardian, master, mistress or owner, as the case may be, shall be deemed liable to pay the penalty so incurred, and shall and may be prosecuted for the same as aforesaid.

4th And be it further ordained, That the Attorney of this Board shall be authorized, after the recovery and receipt of any penalty, under and by virtue of this ordinance, to pay over to the person, who shall give the said Attorney such information of any offence against this ordinance as shall enable the said Attorney to prosecute the said offender to judgment, one half part of the said penalty so recovered and received.

Two hundred copies of the said ordinance were likewise ordered to be printed and posted up in proper [179] places

The following ordinance was presented by Mr King and passed

A Law

for the establishment of a Board of Health, Passed 8th April 1811

Whereas, by an act of the Legislature of this state entitled "An act relative to the public health of the City of New York" passed the ninth day of March 1805, the Mayor, Aldermen & Commonalty of the said city, are empowered to institute from time to time, a board of health for the said city, consisting of the Commissioners of the Health Office and such other persons as they may think proper and to invest the said board with such of the powers of the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty as they may judge proper, and to enforce compliance with the orders of the said board by the infliction of penalties not exceeding One thousand dollars for each offence: therefore

1 Be it ordained by the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York in Common Council convened, That a board of

health shall be and is hereby instituted to consist of the Commissioners of the Health office and of the Mayor or in his absence the Recorder with the Aldermen of the City, together with Joseph Bailey, John H Douglass and Joshua E. Birch, who shall assemble at such time and place, and as often as they may judge proper, to superintend and carry into effect all laws and ordinances of this State and of the Common Council, which, at present exist or may hereafter be passed, providing against infectious and pestilential diseases, or which relate to the public health of this city. And the said Board are hereby invested with all the powers [180] of the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City, which regard the public Health of said city, to be by them exercised in such manner as in their judgment and discretion, may best promote the important objects, for which the said Board is instituted and that any five of the said Board shall be a quorum to transact business

2d And be it further ordained, That the said Board of Health shall make diligent enquiry with respect to all nuisances that may exist and which they may deem obnoxious to the health and lives of the inhabitants of this city, and shall have full power to order the removal of the same at their discretion, under the several penalties in such cases made & provided

3d And be it further ordained, That the said Board of Health, during the existence of any epidemical disease, or upon its probable approach, shall have power, at the public expense, to open the hospital at Bellevue, for the accommodation of the sick, and to make such rules and regulations for their reception, and also to determine what persons shall be entitled to admission, as they may think proper; and moreover that the said board of health, during the existence of any epidemic, shall have power to furnish and employ physicians, nurses, medicines & other necessaries, not only for the use of the sick, who shall have been removed into the said hospital; but also for the use of the sick and indigent of the city

4th And be it further ordained, That the said Board of Health shall have power, in their discretion, to remove or order the removal of all persons and things within the said city, infected by or tainted with pestilential matter, to such place or places, as may, in their opinion most conduce to the preservation of the health of this [181] city; and in order to enforce a prompt & punctual compliance with the said order, all offenders in the premises shall be subject to a penalty not exceeding two hundred and fifty dollars for each offence

5th And be it further ordained, That it shall be the duty of the City Inspector to observe such instructions as may be given to him by the Board of Health, in relation to nuisances, and to execute the several resolutions and orders of this Board.

On motion, it was resolved, that another measurer of grain be appointed. Whereupon Jacob Valantine was appointed to that office

Mr Hoghland then moved, that another measurer of grain be appointed. On the question of agreeing to the same, a division having been called, it was carried in the affirmative as follows

Affirmative		Negative
Alderman Dickinson	Mr Morss	Alderman Mesier
Cunningham	Mr Welling	Mr Hawes
Hoghland	Mr Hardenbrook	Mr Lawrence
Torrey	10	Mr King
Buckmaster		Mr Douglass
Caleb Pell		5
John Pell		

Whereupon the Board proceeded to the appointment of a measurer of grain, when Lee Peck was duly appointed

On motion, ordered, that the Clerk of the Common Council cause to be published in the papers employed by the Board such parts of the State Law & ordinance of the Corporation respecting sales at public auction, as he shall judge necessary, and that he also [182] cause said laws to be enforced

On the request of the Superintendant of repairs leave of absence, for a short time, was granted to him

The Comptroller reported cash in the treasy	$9523.82
Warrants not presented	1192.77
	$8331. 5

Whereupon his Honour the recorder was requested to issue warrts for the following sums

J. Morton 1 Qrs salary to 4th & 10th inst	457.50
S Stilwell 1 Qrs salary	375.
Mott Hicks Asst Street Commr 1 month	52.
G. N. Bleecker making 22 leases Corporation property sold 1st March	110.
Wm M. Summers Bread Inspr 1 Qrs salary to 9th inst Balance	91.60
E. Sargeant stationary for Mayor's office	66.39
Philip Jonas horse hire for former marshal	4.
John Kelly on account of Mott St	170.
John P. Ritter & assessors on Crosby, Greenwich, Charles, Morton, Grand & Murray Sts	194.62

Thomas J. Campbell & Assessors on Walker Street	15.	
John Anderson balance on piers &c at Charlotte Slip	1479.87	
William Torrey Chairman Lamp Com^{e} on account of oil purchased	1000.	
William Torrey to pay lamplighters	552.	
John H Sickles for New City Hall	1000.	
Richard Furman Superintendant of the Alms House	2000.	
Jacob P. Roome Superintendant of repairs on account	500.	
		$8047.98

Balance in the treasury $283. 7

[183] In Common Council April 15th 1811.

Present His Honour DeWitt Clinton Esq^{r} Mayor President

Thomas Carpenter Charles Dickinson William Hoghland William Torrey George Buckmaster Caleb Pell Nicholas Fish John Pell	Esq^{s} Aldermen	Samuel Jones jun^{r} Peter Hawes Elisha W. King John Morss Michael M. Titus William Welling William A Hardenbrook	Esq^{s} Assistants

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A petition of sundry inhabitants, praying, that the upper part of Maiden Lane may be widened and the Otswego Market removed was received, which was referred to the following committee, with authority, if they conceived the measure advantageous to the public, to give notice to the persons now employed in making improvements of the intention of the Board to widen the street, and also to request the Mayor to call a Special Meeting of the Board, if they deemed it necessary. The Committee appointed were Alderman Dickinson, Carpenter & M^{r} Jones

A petition of sundry inhabitants, praying that Front Street between Dover Street and New Slip may be laid with flagging was read & referred to the Street Commissioner.

A petition of Samuel Engles complaining of the sunken situation of King Street, as being a receptacle for Stagnant Water highly offensive & injurious was referred to the Street Commissioner

[184] A petition of Fire Engine Company N^{o} 10 for a larger engine was read & referred to the Committee on the Fire department

A further petition was received from Daniel Woolsey requesting payment for the piers &c built by him, at the Albany Basin, which was referred to the Street Commissioner & Comptroller

A letter was received from Sheldon Usher respecting the grant made to M^rs^ Usher for vending Mineral Waters in the vicinity of the Hall stating himself to have been the original distiller of said waters. Whereupon resolved, that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition

A complaint was received from Andrew V. Stout of Captain Farrington's having discharged him from the City Watch, which was referred to the Watch Committee

A petition of Uzzal W. Freeman to be appointed overseer of roads was read & referred to the Road Committee

A remonstrance from sundry butchers against the removal of the temporary market from the arsenal was read & referred to the Market Committee

A petition was received from Elias Dixon requesting permission to erect a lime house in Anthony Street, while building, which was granted on the usual terms and under the direction of the Alderman & Assistant of the Fifth Ward and the Street Commissioner

A proposition of George C. Schroeppel to sell to the Corporation a lot of land on the Hudson River for a scite for an Alms House was ordered to lie on the table

A request was received from George Downing [185] and Thomas L. Ogden to be excused from serving as Inspectors at the ensuing election, which, on motion, were negatived.

A resignation of Robert M'Dermutt Inspector of the 7th ward and of Jacob Harsin of the 9th ward also praying to be excused from serving, the former on account of not being qualified & the latter, on account of ill health were received and accepted and Nevingson Grunard was appointed Inspector of the Seventh Ward and Gerard De Peyster of the Ninth Ward.

A further petition was received from John Anderson on the subject of the pier built by him at Duane Street Basin & proposing to build an additional block in place of the one, which was overturned, to be paid such extra sum as should be deemed just, which was referred to Alderman Dickinson M^r^ Hawes & M^r^ Morss

A letter was received from William Wilmerding Collector of the Ninth ward, complaining of certain difficulties in the execution of his office and praying instructions from the Board. Ordered, that the same be referred to the Attorney of the Board and the Comptroller

The City Inspector reported drafts of ordinances for the correction of sundry nuisances from N° 7600 to N° 7701 inclusive, which were passed

The following persons were appointed firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies viz

Fire Engine Company N° 14

Samuel E Grumens Mercht N° 214 Broadway 3d ward v. David Fenton, resigned

Fire Engine Company N° 22

[186] John Buckmaster Boat builder Harman Street 7th ward Hezekiah Bennett, taylor N° 177 Cherry St 7th ward Joseph Wilson, brass founder N° 20 Charlotte Street Dugal M'Michael Ship Carpenter James Street

The above four are additional men appointed, in consequence of a larger engine

On the request of the Attorney of the Board, the Comptroller was directed to report a warrant for payment of costs due him on opening Dover Street amounting to $35, the same, according to a certificate of the Street Commissioner having been collected and paid into the Treasury

A petition was received from John D. Miller and others, purchasers of lots at the late sales, at Peck Slip, stating that they bought under the expectation, that the ground made there was sufficient to support stores & other buildings; but that upon examination it was so soft as to be utterly unfit for those purposes, and, therefore, praying relief in the premises. Whereupon ordered, that the same be referred to Alderman Carpenter, Hoghland & Mr Lawrence

A petition from sundry owners of Lots, praying, that Grand Street might be regulated from Cannon to Arundel Street was read and referred to the Street Commissioner

His Honour the Mayor laid before the Board certified copies of certain acts, which had passed at the late session of the Legislature in relation to this city, viz. "An Act to provide against infectious and pestilential diseases," An act to enable the Corporation of the City of New York to raise money by tax and for other purposes, and "An act supplementary to an act [187] entitled "An act respecting Streets in the city of New York." Whereupon ordered, that five hundred copies of the former be printed and that the two latter be printed in the papers employed by the Corporation.

A petition of Henry Hulshart to be appointed an Inspector of the paving of streets & a communication from the Street Commissioner on that subject was read and the consideration postponed until the next meeting of the Board

The Street Commissioner, on the *petition of Rufus King reported,

" That, previous to his appointment two ordinances had been passed for the regulating and improving the streets around Hudson Square, which was ordered to be done under the direction of the Alderman and Assistant of the ward, the Street Commissioner and a committee of the proprietors

The plans and arrangements were made under that direction, when the present Street Commissioner came into office; and he proceeded to carry those plans into effect by advertising for proposals in conformity to the ordinances. After receiving estimates, they were submitted to the Committee and contracts made as by them advised. The curb and gutter have been set in Hudson Street and an assessment made and part of the money has been collected and paid to the Contractors. The Curb and gutter for Beach and Laight Street is also contracted for and the work progressing

After going thus far, the Street Commissioner can see no propriety in stopping the work until the present contracts shall be fulfilled and more [188] especially as he fully believes, that every thing which has been done was intended as a gratification of the wishes of the proprietors, who had to pay for the same and ought not to be deemed an oppressive act of the Corporation "

(signed) Samuel Stilwell

Which report was agreed to

The Street Commissioner, to whom was referred the †petition for regulating Laight Street presented an ordinance for regulating the same from Greenwich to Canal Street, Which was passed. The assessors named were laid over

The Street Commissioner on the ‡petition for paving Mulberry Street reported an ordinance for paving the same from Hester to Broome Street which was passed. The Assessors named were laid over.

The Street Commissioner on the ||petition of Thomas Palmer reported, " that the balance as stated in the petition is correct and that part of this sum is assessed to James Molany, the payment of which has

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been suspended at his request and part remains as a lien on lots, which will be advertised for sale by a late order of the Board. He is therefore of opinion, that a warrant ought to be granted to the contractor for the amount of the balance

(signed) Samuel Stilwell

Which report was agreed to and a warrant ordered for payment of the same viz $358.50

The Street Commissioner, to whom was referred the *petition of the proprietors of lots fronting on Broome Street, between Suffolk and Mangin Streets, reported, that the improvement suggested in the petition would, in his opinion be very proper. He would there- [189] fore recommend that the ordinance for paving Broome Street from the West side of Suffolk Street to Mangin Street be so amended, that Broome S^{t} be regulated and paved with one regular descent from the present pavement on the West side of Suffolk Street to Mangin Street, on a line that would terminate three feet above high water on the East side of East river" (signed) Samuel Stilwell

which report was agreed to and the ordinance amended accordingly

The Comptroller on the †petition of Samuel Page Junior presented a report, which was referred to the Finance Committee

The Comptroller on the ‡petition of James Ridgeway reported in favour of transferring his lease to John Bolan and presented a lease to said Bolan, which was referred to the Attorney for examination

M^{r} Hawes, to whom it had been referred as Council to draft a lease to the Paulus Hook Company, the lease of said ferry to be conducted by Steam Boats reported a lease engrossed. Whereupon the Comptroller was directed to attend to the execution of the same and also of the lease of Hoboken ferry on the part of the Lessor

On motion, Resolved that the road committee be and they are hereby directed to lay before the Board for their consideration such proposals as they may receive for working the upper district by contract.

The Committee on assessments agreeably to the order of the Board reported a list of lots, upon which assessments were due, the owners of which were unknown. Whereupon ordered, that the said lots be sold at public auction agreeably to the *di* [190] directions of the act in such case made and provided under the direction of the Street Commissioner and the Attorney of the Board

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The application of Henry Shute for the appointment of Inspector of manure and of John Hoghland for that of Inspector of streets were called up. Whereupon resolved, that the consideration of the above and of all applications on the same subject be postponed until the next meeting of the Board

An ordinance for opening Washington Street, which was passed on the 18th ultimo was called up and Jonathan Little, John Mowatt Junior, Israel Horsfield, William Stilwell & Robert Wardell were appointed assessors.

On motion, resolved, that the *ferry committee be instructed to designate a suitable place for a ferry house at the lower ferry Brooklyn; the amount of the expense of erecting such buildings and also what sum the lessee of said ferry would be willing to pay by the year for the same to be reported by them to the Board

On motion resolved, that the subject of a situation for the watchmen of the Third district be referred to the Watch Committee with authority to them to contract with Mrs Walker the proprietor of the house, where they are at present stationed for such period as they shall think advisable.

[191] The Comptroller reported Cash in the treasury	8756.96
Warrants not presented	245.
	8511.96

Whereupon his Honour the Mayor was requested to issue his warrants for payment of the following sums

Lawrence & Van Wart, Watch	592.90	
Farrington & White Do	592.90	
Goodheart & Hays Do	779.80	
F Lynch, Bread Inspr 1 Qr	86.90	
Edward Watkeys candles for City hall	18.77	
Evening Post, advertising sundry assessments on Streets	4.93	
Thomas & George Lovett 1st instalt for filling Peck Slip	498.	
Archd Smyth 2d instalment for filling in Collect	291.42	
Jas Houston on account of contract on Spring Street	157.51	
John Anderson balance due on several contracts for docks & slips	2315.43	
Walter Allen, repairs at Charlotte Slip	376.88	
John H. Sickles New City Hall	2000.	
		7715.44
Balance in the Treasury		$796.52

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* Marginal note reads *See Page 210.*—ED.

[192] At a Special meeting, In Common Council April 17th 1811

Present His Honour DeWitt Clinton Esqr Mayor President.

Thomas Carpenter
Charles Dickinson
William Hoghland
George Buckmaster
Nicholas Fish
Esqs Aldermen

Saml Jones Junr
Auge H. Lawrence
Peter Hawes
John Morss
Isaac S. Douglass
Michl M. Titus
William Welling
Wm A. Hardenbrook
Esqs Assistants

The Law authorizing the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York to raise money by tax passed at the last session of *of* the legislature and the act supplementary to the Act respecting streets were laid before the Board & was referred to Mr Lawrence Mr Morss & Mr Hawes

Beekman M. Van Beuren presented his bond as Commissioner of excise & offered Jasper Ward as Security in said bond, which security was accepted

A petition was received from Abraham Barker stating, that the brigantine Hannibal H. Shalor Master arrived at Amboy from Ireland with a number of passengers, who were there landed; but who have since come to this city; that the Captain did not suppose himself bound to report them here, as they were landed elsewhere; but a suit having been commenced against him, he prays to be permitted now to make report & give bonds for them and that the suit may be staid. Whereupon resolved, [193] that the said petition be granted on paying the costs of suit, which have incurred

The ordinance for paving Hester Street passed the 8th instant was called up and John P. Ritter, George Cliland, James Davidson, Ebenezer Clark and Asa Holden were appointed assessors

A communication was received from Peter H. Schenk on the subject of widening Maiden Lane and a remonstrance on the said subject from Abraham Binninger & others were read. The Committee on the said subject also made a report, the whole of which was directed to lie over until the next meeting of the Board. The Street Commissioner was added to the committee on that subject & was directed to survey the said street from Broadway to Pearl Street and to report a map of the same at the next meeting of the Board.

On motion, Abraham Stagg was excused from serving as an inspector of the ensuing election for the 3d ward & Samuel Van Wyck was appointed in his place: George Downing was also excused from serving as Inspector of the 10th ward & William Peterson was appointed in his place

The Superintendant of repairs was directed forthwith to cause the Engine House at George's Slip to be repaired

Doors closed

A letter was received from M^{r} Kipp offering land adjacent to Bellevue as a scite for an Alms House

The following resolution was presented. Resolved that the former committee upon the subject be authorised to purchase the said land at a price not exceeding $3500. On the question to agree to the same a division having been called, it was carried in the affirmative M^{r} Hardenbrook alone voting in the negative

[194] In Common Council April 22^{d} 1811

Present His Honour DeWitt Clinton Esq^{r} Mayor, President

Peter Mesier	Esq^{s} Aldermen	Samuel Jones Jun^{r}	Esq^{s} Assistants
Thomas Carpenter		Peter Hawes	
Charles Dickinson		Augus^{e} H. Lawrence	
William Hoghland		John Morss	
William Torrey		Isaac S. Douglass	
George Buckmaster		Michael M. Titus	
Caleb Pell		William Welling	
John Pell		W^{m} A. Hardenbrook	

The minutes of the last regular meeting & of the Special meeting were read & approved.

A memorial from Anthony L. Bleeker was received, stating, that he, some time since, ceded to the corporation the streets running through his grounds, on condition, that he was not to be assessed for any of the adjacent streets. He therefore considers himself exonerated from the assessment for Canal Street. Ordered to be referred to the Street Commissioner

A petition of Alexander Brown to rent the cellar under Duane Market was received & referred to the Comptroller.

A request of Cornelius C. Van Allen Executor of C. Clopper deceased to be paid the amount of a bond due said estate was received and referred to the Comptroller

A letter was received from Thomas Phoenix Esq^{r} stating, that he has been employed by Abraham Bandouin a purchaser of certain lots at Inclenbergh, to commence a suit against the Board on their covenants to him. Whereupon the same was ordered to be referred to Messieurs Hawes, Jones & King

A petition was received from Selah Strong [195] praying permission to build a vault opposite his lot in Courtlandt Street and to place building materials in the Street [and] was granted on the usual terms and under the direction of the Alderman and Assistant of the ward and the Street Commissioner

A petition of Jacob Halsey Contractor for Spring Street praying payment for the same, he having fulfilled his contract. Ordered to be referred *to the Street Commissioner

A memorial of John K. Livingston, remonstrating against the ordinance for paving Broome Street was read & referred to the Street Commissioner

A petition was received from Frederick Eckert for permission to build a cistern at the corner of Water Street and Fly Market, which was referred to the Alderman and assistant of the Second Ward with permission to grant the same, if, in their opinion adviseable

A petition of James Blauvelt a minor for licence as a cartman was received and referred to Alderman Buckmaster M^r Titus & M^r Welling

A petition of Andrew Stearn for the office of Street Inspector was received and referred to the Committee on Applications

A complaint that Water Street between New Market and Charlotte Slip was incumbered with timber &c was received and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Seventh ward.

A petition of John Schuyler to exchange Stall N° 13 Fly Market for stall N° 6 same market was received and referred to the Market Committee

Petitions for paving Livingston Street from Norfolk to Pitt Street: for paving Sugar Loaf Street between Church & Chapel Streets and for paving Delancey Street from Suffolk [196] to Sherriff Street were read and referred to the Street Commissioner

A petition of Fire Engine Company N° 8 for a new Engine House was read & referred to the Committee on the Fire department.

The following person was appointed fireman, the chief Engineer certifying a corresponding vacancy.

Charles Smith Junior Merchant Maiden Lane Third ward v. Cornelius C. Van Allen resigned

The Attorney of the Board on the †petition of Arutha Stiles reported, that the petitioner was an old offender, that he was convicted

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upon full testimony & therefore recommended, that the prayer of his petition be not granted. Which report was agreed to

A communication was received from Isaac Auld, suggesting an improvement in the lighting of lamps as also stating a claim which he had on his former contract. Whereupon ordered that the same be referred to the Lamp Committee

Further remonstrances against opening Maiden Lane by Abraham Binninger and others were read.

An act further to extend the provisions of the Act respecting laying out roads & streets was read.

The Street Commissioner presented a return of delinquents on the assessment for paving Mott Street. Whereupon ordered, that a warrant issue for collection of the same.

The Street Commissioner reported an ordinance for regulating Grand Street from Cannon to Arundle Street, which was passed. The assessors named were laid over

The Street Commissioner presented an assessment for regulating Beach and Walker Streets, which was [197] confirmed and Morris De Camp was appointed Collector

The Street Commissioner, on the petition of Joshua Parker reported, that, in his opinion, an abatement of $20 ought to be made to Mr Parker on his assessment (& that the Contractor had agreed to deduct that sum from his contract) on condition that Mr Parker immediately pay the balance. Which report was agreed to

The ordinances for regulating Mulberry and Laight Streets passed 15th inst was called up & Frederick Eckhart, Samuel Skidmore, William Stone, Samuel Delamater and James Davidson were appointed assessors on each.

The Committee in the case of Mr Culver made a verbal report. Whereupon resolved, that the said Committee be authorised to make a compromise of the claim of the said Mr Culver, provided the sum paid for the same do not exceed $3000

The Committee on the petition of John D. Miller and others purchasers of lots at the late sale at Peck Slip reported, that, in their opinion, it would be improper for the Board to interfere in this business; the ground having been filled and the Lots sold at auction, it was to be expected, that purchasers would view the ground and ascertain the actual situation of the same, as to solidity and fitness for building previous to the sale. Which report was agreed to and the Committee were instructed to make enquiry as to the bridges and to report whether they have been filled in agreeably to contract.

The City Inspector reported, that the drain at the lower end of the Fly Market was stopped & in consequence thereof that the cellars in the neighbourhood were filled with water. Whereupon ordered, that the Superintendant of repairs immediately cause the [198] same to be opened

The City Inspector reported drafts of ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances from N° 7701 to N° 7725 inclusive, which were passed

The City Inspector, to whom was referred the petition of John Vanderbilt presented a report, which was ordered to lie on the table

The following report was presented by the Committee, to whom the subject had been referred.

" The Committee appointed to examine and report to the Common Council, whether the plans & surveys of the Commissioners of Streets and Roads appointed by the act, entitled " An act relative to improvements touching the laying out of streets and roads in the city of New York and for other purposes " passed April 3d 1807 and the maps of the same have been made and completed attested to and filed in such manner as to be final and conclusive according to the Eighth section of the said act and whether any act is required to be done at the present time in relation thereto on the part of the Corporation respectfully report, that they have examined into the matters referred to them and are of opinion, that the said plans surveys and maps of the said Commissioners have been made, completed, attested to and filed in such manner as to be final & conclusive according to the Eighth Section of the act aforesaid: And your Committee further report, that it does not appear to them necessary that any act should be done in relation thereto on the part of the Corporation at the present time except what may be requisite for perfecting or executing the contract with Mr Randall, as to which that subject being under the charge of another committee of the Common Council, this Committee have made no enquiry about it.

[199] Your committee, however, would suggest the propriety of giving notice in the News Papers employed by the Board of the filing of the said plans, surveys and maps according to the act aforesaid and accompanying the said notice with such sections of the said act as may appear to the Common Council necessary or useful for general information. Your Committee would submit the 4th 5th 8th and 9th sections as proper for publication, as relating to the proceedings of the Commissioners, the authority of the map and the future improvements of that part of the city, which is comprised within its limits

Your Committee further report, that it does not appear to them improper for the Common Council to give permission to whomsoever they may chose to print and publish the said map with the field notes and remarks of the Commissioners belonging to the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York and to confine that permission to any one or more persons as they may see fit, but what the effect of such exclusive permission will be or whether it will vest the rights incident to a copy right or not, your Committee give no opinion"

(signed) S. Jones Jun^{r}
Wm A. Hardenbrook

which report was approved and the Clerk of the Common Council was directed to cause to be published in the News Papers employed by the Board notices of the filing of said map and also of said sections of the act mentioned in said report. It was further referred to said committee to make such contract as they should judge proper with William Bridges respecting the printing and publishing of said map and Field Books

The Committee to whom at the late Special [200] meeting of the Board, it was referred to contract with the heirs of M^{r} Kip for ground adjacent to Bellevue reported, that they have agreed with the heirs of Samuel Kip deceased, that the Corporation would purchase the said lot and pay for the same at the rate of three thousand five hundred dollars per acre and that certain of the said heirs, on behalf of themselves and the others have signed a contract to that effect, which is hereto annexed.

That the committee have caused the same to be surveyed by William Bridges City Surveyor, who states the quantity of land contained in said lot to be six acres, one rood, twenty eight perches & eighty seven square feet and the amount of the purchase money, at the rate of three thousand five hundred dollars per acre, to be twenty two thousand, four hundred and ninety four dollars & fifty cents. Your committee further report, that they have caused a deed for the said lot to be drawn, according to the terms or purport of the said contract, which has been executed by such of the heirs of Samuel Kip as reside in the city of New York & which has been forwarded by said heirs to be executed by the others of them, who reside out of the said city; and your Committee are informed, that the same, executed by the proper parties will be ready to be delivered by the first of next week. In such an event it will be necessary for the Corporation to make the proper arrangements to meet the payments specified in the said contract

Peter Hawes
Augus^e^ H. Lawrence
Isaac S. Douglass.

The following is the contract aluded to in the above report

It is agreed by and between the undersigned [201] *the undersigned* Committee on the part & behalf of the Corporation of the City of New York of the one part and Elbert Kipp, Samuel Kip, Cornelius Kip and John Y. Van Tuyle, on the part and behalf of the heirs of Samuel Kip of Kip's bay of the other part; as follows, to wit. The said committee for the said Corporation agree to purchase on their account, and the said, other party agree, that the heirs of the said Samuel Kip shall sell to the said Corporation in fee simple the lot of land, part of Kip's bay farm, adjoining the property of the Corporation at Bellevue, at the price or sum of three thousand five hundred dollars per acre, which lot of land is bounded and described as follows viz Beginning on the East River, at the Boundary line between the said property, hereby agreed to sell and the property of Samuel Jones Junior and running thence Northwesterly on the said line to a street described on a map of part of Kip's Bay farm by the name of Cornelius Street; thence on the Southerly side of said street, in a South Westerly course till it strikes the property of the Corporation, called Bellevue, and running thence along the Boundary Line of said Bellevue property to the East River and thence along the Course of the East River to the place of beginning be the quantity of land contained within the said boundaries more or less. And the said Elbert Kip, Samuel Kip, Cornelius Kip and John Y. Van Tuyl do hereby contract and agree, that they will procure a good and sufficient deed of conveyance for the said lot of land, with the appurtenances in fee simple, with such proper and suitable covenants to be therein contained as are usual in warrantee deeds in the State of New York and executed by all the heirs of the said Samuel Kip deceased and other parties interested therein, either in Dower, or in their own or their wife's right and have the [202] *the* same acknowledged before the proper authorities and ready to be delivered with all convenient speed. And the said Committee on the part of the Corporation contract and agree, that the said Corporation shall pay for the same, at the rate of three thousand five hundred dollars for each acre, be the quantity more or less, at the times following and in the following proportions; that is to say, the sum of five thousand dollars on the delivery of the deed, the sum of five thousand dollars in sixty days thereafter, the further sum of five thousand dollars in thirty days thereafter and the residue of the purchase monies in four months after the delivery of the deed for the same

Elbert Kip
Dated April 18th 1811 (signed) Samuel Kip
Cornelius Kip
John Y. Van Tuyl

Witness Richard Furman
J. J. Westerwelt
Isaac S. Douglass
Peter Hawes
Augustine H. Lawrence
Committee

Whereupon it was resolved, that the Board approve of and confirm the said contract; and it was further Resolved, that the Comptroller under the direction of the Committee of Finance make the necessary arrangements for making the payment agreeably to said contract.

The Comptroller on the account of Bartholomew Skaats reported, that he had examined the account of the said Bartholomew, from which it appears, that on the 1st July 1810, there was a balance in his hands of $14.62; that an advance has been made of $700 to purchase fuel, making in the whole $714.62; and that agreeably to his account current and receipts exhibited [203] there has been expended the sum of $681.67 leaving a balance with him of $32.95 on the 15th instant

(signed) G. N. Bleeker Comptroller

which report was ordered to be filed

The Comptroller presented the following

" The Comptroller respectfully informs the Board that agreeably to the lease to Burdett Stryker for the Fly Market ferry, which will expire the 1st of May next, the Corporation are to pay him the value of the Boats then employed at the said ferry, to be ascertained by two indifferent and disinterested men, one of whom to be chosen by each party &c. such value to be ascertained within fifteen days after such expiration. As this business was formerly arranged by the Ferry Committee, it is respectfully suggested, whether a reference to them would not be expedient

G. N. Bleecker Comptroller

Which was referred to the ferry committee with authority to act in the premises

On motion, resolved, that the Ferry Committee be requested to report generally the state of the Several ferries

An account of Waters Furman Superintendant of Streets for the Eastern district of Street Manure sold and of expenses incurred from 13th April 1810 to 13th April 1811 was read & referred to the Comptroller.

*The Market Committee on the petition of John Stamler for Stall No 53 Fly Market reported in favour of granting the same to him, which was agreed to.

The Committee on assessments presented a further list of lots, on which monies were due upon assessments, the owners of which were unknown. Whereupon resolved, that the said lots be advertised [204] and sold at public auction agreeably to the act in such case made and provided under the direction of the Street Commissioner and the Attorney of the Board

The Board resumed the consideration of the subject of widening Maiden Lane, when after some discussion, it was moved, that the petition for widening the same be not granted. On the question of agreeing to the same, a division having been called, it passed in the negative in the manner following

Negative	Affirmative
Alderman Mesier	Alderman Carpenter
Dickinson	Caleb Pell
Hoghland	John Pell
Torrey	Mr Morss
Buckmaster	Douglass
Mr Hawes	Welling
Lawrence	Hardenbrook
Welling	

The following resolution was then proposed and agreed to

Resolved, that Maiden Lane be opened on the South West side thereof from Broadway to Nassau Street agreeably to the plan exhibited to this Board, which was to make that part of the street forty two feet nine inches wide

It was on motion, also farther resolved, that the Committee heretofore appointed on this subject, together with Mr Lawrence and the Street Commissioner be invested with full power to carry this plan into execution

Mr Hardenbrook then gave notice, that he would, at the next meeting of the Board, move for a reconsideration of the vote now taken

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* Marginal note reads *See page 160.*—ED.

[205] The Comptroller reported Cash in the treasury	12.907.
Warrant not presented	180.
	$12.727.

Whereupon his Honour the Mayor was requested to issue his warrants for payment of the following sums

P. Burtsell, Stationary for Mayors Office City Inspectors &c	144.32	
P. Tabele 1 Quarter's Subscription to Public Advertiser	18.75	
A. Loss, surveying for Steam boat com^{e}	8.	
Thomas and George Lovett on account of Fourth Street	300.	
Archibald Smith 3d instalment filling collect lots	291.42	
Isaac A. Van Hook, costs due him on opening Dover Street	35.	
Richard Furman Alms House	5000.	
John H. Sickles Treasurer of the New City Hall	3000.	
		8797.49
Balance in the Treasury		$3.929.51

[206] In Common Council April 29th 1811

Present His Honour DeWitt Clinton Esq^{r} President

Esq^{s} Aldermen	Esq^{s} Assistants
Peter Mesier	Samuel Jones jun^{r}
Thomas Carpenter	Peter Hawes
Charles Dickinson	Aug^{e} H. Lawrence
William Hoghland	Elisha W. King
William Torrey	John Morss
George Buckmaster	Michael M. Titus
Caleb Pell	William Welling
Nicholas Fish	W^{m} A. Hardenbroek
John Pell	Ab^{m} Van Gelder

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

A letter was received from Thomas L. Ogden requesting that he might be excused from serving as Inspector at the ensuing election for the Third ward. Whereupon resolved, that his excuse be accepted and that Joseph Strong be appointed in his place

A petition was received for repairing Stone Street from Whitehall to Broad Street, which was referred to the Street Commissioner

A remonstrance against removing the ferry from Hammond Street to Spring Street was read and referred to the Ferry Committee

A memorial from the congregation of Shearith Israel in the city of New York was received, stating, that on the distribution of the School monies by the Act of the Legislature of this state of 1801, the petitioners were overlooked; that the legislature at the last session, rectified the omission & directed their portion to be paid to them; that as by [207] law the distribution is made by the Common Council, they solicited, that the same might be paid to them. Whereupon ordered, that the same be referred to the Comptroller

Petitions were received from Robert S. Clark for stand Nº 39 in Hudson Market; from William Pullis to exchange Nº 8 Fly Market for Nº 6 in same market; from John Bagley for stall Nº 6 Fly Market; from John K. Floor to exchange Nº 20 Fly Market for Nº 6 same market; from Joseph Hyde for Nº 6 Fly Market and from Ursula Wheatley for a huckster stand in the New Market, which were severally referred to the Market Committee

A petition from sundry owners of Lots in Washington Street, praying that the present line of said street may remain as now laid out to Hetty Street, which was referred to the Street Commissioner

A deposition from John Strong made before the justices of the police was read, which stated that having been complained of for using weights, which were not of the proper standard, he had, on the 23d instant purchased of Jabez Pell one of the Sealers of weights four ounce weights, which, on comparing with the City Standard weight were too light and indeed were lighter than those, for which he had been complained of. Whereupon ordered, that the said deposition be referred to the Market Committee

A petition was received from William Thorne, stating, that he had rented a store, which he should occupy on the first of May next, where he intended to open a grocery store; that as, by law, licences could not be given out until the first Tuesday in May, which will be on the 7th he prayed [208] he might have permission given to him free of expense to sell until the said 7th of May. Whereupon resolved, that the prayer of the petitioner be granted and that the Mayor have authority to grant permits free from expense to all persons similarly situated.

A memorial from sundry farmers on Long Island, complaining, that the ordinance respecting the Inspection of manure was not complied with was read & referred to Alderman C. Pell, Carpenter [&] J Pell

A further remonstrance of Mr Binninger on the subject of Maiden Lane was read & laid on the table

A petition of Augustus Van Horne, to be appointed a weigh master and of Jeremiah Dodge to be appointed an Inspector of Lumber were read and, on motion, the prayers of the petitioners were granted and they were appointed to the office solicited for

A petition of Peter D. Gurmo to be appointed overseer of convicts sentenced to labour on the high ways was read & referred to the Road Committee

A memorial was received from Ephraim Jennings stating that he held upon lease for twenty one years from May next two lots of land running from Broadway to the Bowery which he understands will be included in the Square laid out on the map of the Commissioners for laying out Streets and roads as part of Union Place; that he had already made considerable improvements on said lots and was intending to [209] make further improvements. He, therefore, prayed the Common Council to relieve him in the premises either by now taking the land for public uses and paying him for his improvements or by authorising him to retain the possession of the same for the remainder of his term. Whereupon resolved, that the same be referred to a special committee and that the said committee be instructed to enquire and report whether it is expedient for the Common Council, at present, to take any and what measures respecting Union Place—Com. Ald Torrey M^r^ Jones & M^r^ King. A petition for paving Bridge Street was received and referred to the Street Committee

A petition of sundry inhabitants for opening Hudson Square to Hammond Street was read and referred to the Committee on Streets

A petition was received from Nathan Jennings for the appointment of Street Inspector was read & referred to the Committee on applications

An application of James Renwick to build a vault in Courtland Street opposite to his building, and similar requests from Israel Horsfield for vault at N° 32 Fair Street & of John Hagerty in the rear of N° 169 Pearl Street were granted upon the usual terms and under the direction of the Alderman and Assistant of the ward and the Street Commissioner

A letter from M^{rs} Usher returning her thanks to the Common Council for the indulgence shewn her permitting her to erect a building near the hall for vending mineral waters was read

A memorial from William Valleau and John Gardner was read stating that said Valleau had sold to said Gardner a lot on Front Street [210] bounded by Walnut Street and praying a grant of the land under water in front of said lot to said Gardner. Ordered that the same be referred to the Comptroller.

A petition was received from Peter Schermerhorn praying that South Street may be continued from Beekman Slip to the line of his property. Ordered, that the same be referred *to the Committee on wharves, piers & slips

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* Marginal note reads *See page 237.*—Ed.

The ferry Committee pursuant to a *resolution of the Common Council of the 22^{d} instant reported, that they had taken into consideration the application of the Lessees of the Fly Market ferry for a ferry house to be erected at Brooklyn and are of opinion, it would be proper to grant it and they recommend that measures be taken to have a convenient ferryhouse erected at Brooklyn, on the corner of Water S^{t} opposite the house of Gilbert Van Mater, at the expense of the Corporation, and that the Lessees of the ferry, pay as rent for the same the interest of the money, which shall be expended for that purpose.

With respect to the †application of the Lessee of the New Ferry for an extension of his lease, the Committee find, that the Slip and ferry stairs on the Brooklyn side require some immediate repairs & considering the offer on his part as a reasonable one, they recommend, that his lease be extended for the term of two years, from the first day of May 1812 at the present rent, on condition, that he shall, at his own expense, cause a sufficient bulk head to be sunk and the slip filled in to the distance of fifty feet from the head and shall likewise have an entire new Stairs built, extending ten feet farther into the river than the present stairs; but in case the expense thereof shall exceed the sum of five hundred dollars, the Committee are of [211] *of* opinion, that the excess ought to be borne by the Corporation

With respect to the application of William B. Kipp and Truman Hamilton to lease Fort Lee and Bull's ferries, the committee recommend that the same be granted on the terms offered.

Your Committee beg leave to state, that the New made Lands at Brooklyn are nearly completed and they respectfully suggest the propriety of leasing that part of it lying below Water Street, at public auction for the term of twenty one years. The residue being so connected with the property of M^{r} Van Mater and he being desirous of leasing, the Committee think him entitled to a preference

Your Committee farther beg leave to state, that in order to complete the ground at Brooklyn and continue Water Street, it will be necessary to fill in the Old Ferry Slip a considerable distance and to carry out the piers and they recommend, that measures be taken accordingly

William Hoghland
(signed) Thomas Carpenter
E W. King

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* Marginal note reads *See Page 190.*—ED.
† Marginal note reads *See page 171.*—ED.

Whereupon ordered, that the said report be agreed to and the ferry committee were requested to direct the execution of the different parts of the said report by the proper officers of this Board

The Street Commissioner presented agreeably to the prayers of the petitioners for those purposes, an ordinance for paving Sugar Loaf Street from Church to Chapel Street & Rivington Street from Suffolk to Pitt Street, which were passed. The Assessors named were laid over

The Street Commissioner on the *petition of Jacob Halsey reported, that he believed there was no [212] such contract made with the petitioner respecting Spring Street as stated by him &, therefore, recommended, that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition [which] was agreed to.

The Street Commissioner presented returns of delinquents upon the assessments for Broome & Front Street. Whereupon ordered, that Warrants issue to the several collectors for collecting the same

The Street Commissioner presented a report of the Superintendant of repairs on the subject of the expenses of the drain in Water Street. Whereupon ordered, that it be referred to the Street Commissioner to report an ordinance for laying the assessment for payment of the repairs on the same

The Street Commissioner & Comptroller on the petition of Daniel Woolsey for payment of his account against the Corporation for work done on the South side of Albany Basin, North River, referred to them on the 15th instant reported,

That they made a statement of facts on the subject, the 18th of March last, by which it appears, that a bond was to issue for the proportionable part of the expense incurred by the Corporation payable in four years with interest at 6 per cent per annum. The subscribers waited on Mr Levi Coit the 26th instant, who asserts, that Mr Woolsey agreed to the conditions herewith inclosed, drawn up by Mr Coit, although they have not been signed

From the credit, which is to be given to the declaration of Mr Coyt, the subscriber can see no reason to deviate from their former report and which met the concurrence of the Board

(signed) Samuel Stilwell
G. N. Bleeker

[213] which report was agreed to

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* Marginal note reads *See Page 195*.—ED.

A petition for filling in & levelling King Street was read and referred to the Street Commissioner

The Committee, on the *petition of M^{rs} Glover reported, that as she has stated, that considerable damages had been done to her trees and fences by the populace, at the execution of Sinclair and Johnson, they had examined the premises and also had an interview with M^{r} Giles the Carpenter, who was employed in repairing the fences, and who says, that to the best of his recollection, the probable cost was from twelve to fifteen dollars, The presumption, therefore, is, that the fence is now as valuable, as before it received the injury complained of. As to the trees, it appears, that some of the branches were broke from the poplars, and, from all appearances, as they are digging away the hill, it will not be long before the fence with the trees will come away, as it is now, in part, undermined

How far the corporation may feel themselves bound to indemnify the petitioner, the Committee are not prepared to say; but would respectfully submit to the determination of this Board

(signed) Caleb Pell
William Welling

Whereupon resolved, that the petitioner have leave to withdraw her petition

The Committee on the †petition for regulating Magazine Street at Collect Street reported,

That they had paid particular attention to the subject and find in order to obtain an elevation sufficient to give a descent of 2 inches on 100 feet from Magazine Street to high water on the West side [214] of West Street, it will be required to raise the intersection of Magazine & Collect Street two feet, and in order to do this, the pavement in Magazine Street will have to be taken up nearly to Chatham Street eastwardly, and Westwardly as far as Elm Street, which the committee are of opinion ought to be done without delay

(signed) E. W King
G. Buckmaster

which report was agreed to.

The Committee, on the petition of a number of Cartmen reported in favour of raising the price for carting each load of wood to 25 cents, which was agreed to and the Committee on Laws and Ordinances were requested to report an ordinance corresponding therewith

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* Marginal note reads *See Page 68.*—ED.

† Marginal note reads *See Page 150.*—ED.

The Committee, to whom was referred sundry applications for the appointment of overseer of roads, and who were authorised to advertise and receive proposals for working the roads of the upper district by contract reported,

That they immediately caused public notice to be circulated through the News Papers employed by this Board and in hand bills inviting proposals under sealed covers for working and keeping in good repair by contract that portion of the road formerly denominated the Upper district, and now divided into two districts, reserving to the Road committee of the Corporation the right of inspecting and deciding on the work from time to time & of regulating payments on account thereof; in consequence of which public notice, six different proposals have been received and are herewith submitted, from which it appears that Jonathan Randel Junior of the town of Harlaem has made the lowest offer and being a very competent [215] and fit person, the committee recommend, that his proposals be accepted and that they be authorised to enter into contract with him accordingly.

The Committee further suggest for the consideration of the Board whether it would not be adviseable to invest them with like authority to enter into contract for working & repairing the roads of the lower district, provided a beneficial arrangement on that subject can, in their judgment be expected

Nicholas Fish
(signed) Auguse H. Lawrence
John Pell
William Welling

The following are the proposals received by the Road Committee for the working and keeping of all the public roads in good order from the day of May to 15th Novr 1811 inclusive

	Lower district	Middle district	Upper district	
	Dols	per	mile	
No 1 Jno Randell junr ..		55	60	per mile or $55 for both
2 William Melvill....		70	70	for both
3 Reed & Paddock...		75	80	
4 Saml B Waldron...		80	80	
5 Obed Thayer......	60	60	75	
6 Cardinal Woolsey...			80	

Submitted by the road Committee to the Honourable the Corporation for their consideration

On the question of agreeing to the same, a division having been called by Mr Hardenbrook, it was carried in the affirmative, Mr Hardenbrook [216] alone voting in the Negative. On the question of extending the mode of working the roads by contract to the Lower district, it passed in the negative. The Road Committee were then directed to make the necessary contract agreeably to their report

The Committee, to whom was referred the *petition of Walter Allen praying payment for building a pier &c at Peck Slip presented a report. Whereupon ordered that the Comptroller issue a warrant for $700 in favour of the said Walter Allen on account.

The report of the City Inspector respecting certain sunken† lots adjoining the lot of John Vanderbilt near King Street made at last meeting was called up and he was directed to cause them to be filled up and the expense thereof made a lien on the property.

A deed from the heirs of Mr Kipp to the Mayor, Aldermen & Commonalty of the City of New York, dated 20th April 1811 conveying six acres, 1 rood, 28 perches and eighty Seven Square feet of land adjacent to the estate of the Corporation at Bellevue for the consideration of twenty two thousand four hundred & ninety four 50/100 dollars was presented. Whereupon ordered that the same be duly acknowledged and recorded & deposited in the office of the Comptroller. Ordered also that a warrant issue immediately for $5000 being the first payment due on the above purchase.

Mr Hawes presented the following resolutions, which were agreed to

Resolved, that a committee of five be appointed to select the proper scite for an Alms House on the ground belonging to the Corporation, at Belle- [217] vue, that they be authorised to procure a suitable plan for the building or buildings to be erected and to give a reasonable compensation for the same not exceeding one hundred dollars: and to take all such measures as shall be consistent with a proper regard to oeconomy, to facilitate the erection of such buildings and the completion of such other improvements, as shall be necessary and proper for the Alms House establishment at that place

Resolved, that the Finance Committee, together with the Comptroller be directed to report an estimate of the probable expense of such buildings and improvements and the best manner of raising the requisite sums of money to meet the payments for the same.

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* Marginal note reads *See Page 149.*—ED.
† Marginal note reads *See Page 162.*—ED.

The following gentlemen were appointed the committee on the first resolution viz Alderman Fish, Hoghland Mr Lawrence Mr Hawes & Mr Morss

The following resolution was presented by Mr Lawrence

Resolved, that a committee be appointed to report to this Board an ordinance for the regulation of Dogs which was agreed to and the committee appointed was Mr Hawes Mr Lawrence Mr King

The committee on the petition for Bridges across Chapel Street, at the intersection of Walker and Lispenard Streets reported,

That, in consequence of the drain in Chapel Street, the intercourse across said street is so *destroy* [218] destroyed, as to make bridges indispensably necessary and of which, at present, there are three in a distance of 13 or 1400 feet. The construction of two more as requested by the petitioners, is, in the opinion of the committee highly desirable, not only for the conveniency of the inhabitants in the vicinity: but also to the public at large: The Committee, therefore recommend that the prayer of the petition be complied with, and that the Superintendant of repairs be authorised to carry the same into effect

(signed) William Hoghland
John Morss.

Which report was agreed to

The Committee, to whom was referred the petition of Augustus Wright and others respecting the lots on the West side of Peck Slip reported, that they had examined the premises and are of opinion, that an abatement of the 1st half years Ground amounting to eleven hundred and sixty dollars on the lots from No 1 to No 6 both inclusive be allowed for deficiency, which the committee find in filling up the lots at the different bridges

No 1	Peck Slip.	Benjamin Bayley	580
2		Do	485
3		John D Miller	325
4		A. Wright	415
5		Do	305
6		D. Smith	290
			$2320
House & Store, Scribner & Co			440
½ is $1160			2760

Thomas Carpenter
(signed) A. H. Lawrence
William Hoghland

[219] Which report was agreed to

On motion, ordered, that the Clerk of the Common Council lay before the Board at their next meeting the proceedings, which have been had on the subject of carrying out piers on the East side of Beekman Slip

The Committee, to whom was referred to contract with Monsieur Boyreau respecting sweeping the chimneys of the city reported, that they have had the subject under consideration and have experienced considerable difficulty in the commencement; and, therefore, previous to attempting any further negociating with Mr Boyreau and to avoid the trouble of fixing a contract and fashioning an ordinance on this subject, which might perhaps contain a principle, which the Board might be unwilling to sanction request instruction from the Board, whether the proposition compelling the citizens to register their chimnies will meet the approbation of the Corporation

Peter Mesier
(signed) Peter Hawes
William Hoghland

On the question will the Board approve of the proposition of requiring the inhabitants to register their chimnies, the same passed in the negative

The Street Commissioner communicated to the Board, that, in his opinion, bonds ought to issue to Jacob Halsey to the amount of the last instalment of his contract, for building piers and a bulk head at the foot of Canal Street, he having fulfilled the contract on his part, which was agreed to and bonds ordered accordingly

On motion, the committee, in the case of Abraham Baudouine were authorised to direct the attorney of the Board to enter an appearance for the [220] Corporation at the ensuing term of the Supreme court at the suit of Mr Baudouine, in case a compromise is not made previous to the end of the term. The Committee are Messieurs Hawes, Jones & King

On motion, ordered, that the name of Magazine Street be changed to Pearl Street and that the same be published in the papers employed by the Board; also that the Superintendant of repairs cause the direction boards in said street to be altered accordingly

Resolved, that the petition of Henry Shute for the office of Inspector of manure & the others on the same subject be referred to the committee on the petition from the farmers of Long Island, on the subject of manure presented this evening

On motion, resolved, that the Watch committee be authorised to procure a suitable place for the watch at Greenwich

On motion, resolved, that the Comptroller call upon Stephen Hitchcock for his accounts of receipts and expenditures as Superintendant of Streets.

Mr Hardenbrook, agreeably to notice given moved to reconsider the vote taken at the last meeting on the subject of widening Maiden Lane. On the question being taken, the Board divided as follows

Affirmative

Aldermen Dickinson and C. Pell, Messieurs Jones, Hawes, Lawrence, King, Morss, Hardenbrook

Negative

Aldermen Mesier, Hoghland, Torrey, Buckmaster, J Pell and Messieurs Titus, Welling and VanGelder

The Board being equally divided, the president [221] gave his vote in the affirmative. After considerable discussion of the same, it was resolved, that Maiden Lane be widened as agreed upon at the last meeting of the Board, on condition that the applicants or some of them indemnify this corporation against the payment of any part of the expenses of opening the said street and the former committee on said subject was directed to carry the same into effect—The Committee are Alderman Dickinson, Carpenter & Mr Jones

The Committee, to whom was referred the map of the Commissioners for laying out streets & roads made a verbal report. Whereupon ordered, that they give exclusive permission to Mr Bridges to make a copy of said map, on condition that he furnish to this board 60 copies free from expense, it being understood that he make compensation to Mr Randell for certain memoranda and explanations respecting said map which at the request of the Committee, the said Mr Randell is to furnish

[222] The Comptroller reported Cash in the treasury	$11.297.66
Warrants not presented	180.
	11.117.66

Whereupon his Honour the Mayor was requested to issue his warrants for payment of the following sums.

Lawrance & Van Wart watch		592.90
Farrington & White	Do	592.90
Goodheart & Hays	Do	779.80
James Hardie 1 months salary		62.50
Mott Hicks	Do	52.
Adrian B. Holmes	Do	52.

Abel W. Hardenbrook for lamps	75.
M. Dikeman repairing pumps in 6th 8th and 10th wards	103.37
James Richardson cleaning wells in 2d & 7th wards	50.93
Abraham Stagg on several streets	230.
James Kelly on Mott Street	120.
James Vincent filling a sunken lot at the corner of Elizabeth & Spring Streets	16.
William Torrey chairman Lamp committee to pay for oil	1500.
Jacob P. Roome Superintendant of repairs to pay workmen &c	700.
Mr Kip for ground at Bellevue on acct	5000.
B. Skaats for fuel	700.

10621.40

Balance in the treasury $490.26

[223] In Common Council May 6th 1811.

Present His Honour DeWitt Clinton Mayor President

Peter Mesier	Esqrs Aldermen	Saml Jones Junr	Esqs Assistants
Thomas Carpenter		Peter Hawes	
Charles Dickinson		Auge H. Lawrence	
Richard Cunningham		Elisha W. King	
William Hoghland		John Morss	
William Torrey		Isaac S. Douglass	
George Buckmaster		Michael M. Titus	
John Pell		William Welling &	
		Wm A Hardenbrook	

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

This being the period for the quarterly visitation of the Alms House and Bridewell, the board proceeded to perform that duty, after which the following business was transacted.

Petitions of Ephraim Ludlum and Nathan Eisenhart for the appointment of Clerk of the Catharine Market, in the place of Isaac Trowbridge about removing from the city; of John Parsons for stall N° 3 and Christian Truss for N° 28 in Fly Market were read and referred to the market committee

Petitions from Fire Engine Company N° 22 and from Fire Company N° 17, praying for new Engine Houses were read and referred to the Committee on the Fire department

A communication from Mr Hardie, stating, that in obedience to the direction of some members of the Board, he had on the 15th ultimo employed Mr John M'Comb paver, to take down a chimney at Peck Slip, which, in consequence of an explosion of [224] Gun powder in the house had been left in a dangerous situation & which had been attended w^{h} considerable risque to M^{r} M'Comb & suggesting the propriety of paying M^{r} M'Comb five dollars for his trouble was read and the sum ordered to be paid to him

Petitions were received from John Carman & Silas Pearsall praying for the appointment of inspector of manure, which were referred to the former committee on that subject viz Alderman C. Pell, Carpenter [&] J. Pell

A petition from Samuel Winship for lamps to be established at Grand Street ferry was read and referred to the Lamp Committee

Petitions were received for paving Delancey Street from the present pavement to Lewis Street; for lowering of Clarkson Street & Dominic Street; for regulating James Street & remonstrance against the same and a petition for paving Dover Street from Water Street to South Street, which were severally read and referred to the Street Commissioner

A petition from sundry inhabitants, praying that the street laid down in the map filed by the Commissioners of Streets & roads, by the name of the Third Avenue may be opened was read & referred to the Road Committee and the Street Commissioner.

A remonstrance of Marinus Willett & others against the ordinance for regulating Grand Street from Arundle to Cannon Street was read & referred to the Street Commissioner

The City Inspector presented sundry *ordi* [225] ordinances for filling in certain sunken lots & for correction of sundry nuisances from N° 7701 to N° 7725 which were passed

The following persons were appointed firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the corresponding vacancies

Michael Emanuel Innkeeper N° 10 Depeyster Street v. Jacob Shatzell removed from the city to be a member of Fire Engine Company N° 3

Fire Engine Company N° 4

James Clark, taylor 50 Maiden Lane 2^{d} ward v. Thomas Shotwell resigned

Fire Engine Company N° 11

Isaac Stevens Coppersmith N° 74 Water Street 1st ward v. William Lake resigned

William Keefe cabinet maker N° 5 South Street 1st ward v. William Mott expelled

John Martling Cooper Cross Street 6th ward v John Devoe expelled.

Fire Engine Company Nº 14

Nicholas Cooper taylor Nº 176 Greenwich Street 3ᵈ ward v. James Meeks resigned

A valuation of the boats at Hell Gate ferry made by John Chambers was received and referred to the ferry committee

A list of convicts condemned at the last sessions held in the city was laid before the Board. Whereupon resolved, that John Joaquin, John Barnes, Nicholas Fox, William Johnson, Michael Hann, Robert Harper, Henry Smith, Lewis Rose, Ebenezer Mack, Isaac Newell, John Peters, Benjamin Conraud, York Royal, Jaque Monticourt, Bill Robinson, John Charlwood, William Hoffer, Daniel Salter, James Moore, John Jackson, William Johnson, John [226] Dubarre, Miles Morris, Thomas Adams, John Mathews, James Adams, Benjamin Youmans heretofore convicted of petit larcencies &c and sentenced to confinement in the City Prison be employed at labour under the direction of the committee appointed on the subject of an Alms House & other public buildings at Bellevue & that the applications heretofore made respecting convicts be transferred from the Road Committee to the said committee

Petitions were received from David Hall & Jacob S. Myers for the office of keeper of convicts which were referred to the aforesaid committee

An account for services of the Marshals and constables for attending at the polls of the last election was referred to the Comptroller

A representation from the police office on the subject of compensation to an additional clerk in said office was read and together with the act of the Legislature entitled an act to improve the police of the city of New York and for other purposes were referred to the former committee on the subject of the police office viz Mʳ Jones Mʳ Hawes Mʳ King

A petition of Josiah Shippey Junʳ and William Shippey auctioneers to be permitted to sell household furniture at the door of their auction room in Wall Street and a remonstrance from a number of inhabitants against the sales of furniture in Vesey Street were read & referred to Alderman Mesier, Carpenter [&] Dickinson

[227] A petition was received from Michael Thalamis a native of Jerusalem formerly Consul from the king of Spain at Damietta in Egypt, stating, that from various misfortunes in Europe, he had been reduced to great distresses, that he was about going to New Spain ; but

having been unable to procure passports, he was now desirous of returning to his family & being wholly destitute of resources he requested the assistance of the Common Council to enable him to procure a passage to his home. Ordered, that the same be referred* to the Committee of Charity

A petition from James Drake was received, again requesting payment of the Bond due to him, as he has made some purchases relying on payment from the Corporation. Whereupon ordered, that a warrant for payment of the same issue immediately, payable out of the first monies in the treasury

A letter from Simeon DeWitt Esq^r was received inclosing his account for services as one of the Commissioners for laying out Streets and roads, which was referred to the Comptroller

A petition from John Edwards praying the Common Council would repeal the ordinance prohibiting preaching in the park and other public places was read and ordered to lie on the table

An account of Samuel Kip for posts and rails furnished was referred to the Comptroller

A petition was received from Lucas Van Buskirk, stating, that he was proprietor of ground at Weehawk in New Jersey, from whence [228] there was formerly a ferry to this city; but which for some years past had been discontinued & as in the opinion of the petitioner, the establishment of said ferry would be useful to the public, he prayed the lease of the same. Whereupon ordered, that the same be referred to the Ferry Committee

A petition of Charles Mooney for payment for regulating Harrison Street was received & referred to the Street Commissioner

The Street Commissioner reported ordinances for assessing the expense of the drain in Water Street; for assessing the expenses in repairing Stone Street and for paving Bridge Street, which were severally passed. The Assessors named were laid over

Agreeably to the resolution of the Board respecting widening Maiden Lane passed at the last meeting Peter H. Schenk presented his bond indemnifying the Corporation against all expenses, attending the same, which was ordered to be filled up in the penalty of $6000, which was accordingly done & the bond executed and filed with the Clerk

M^r King presented the following resolution

Resolved, that the Alderman & Assistant of each respective ward be authorised to employ one of the constables or marshals of the city; at the public expense to act under their direction in carrying into effect the provision of the act of the Legislature in relation to disorderly persons. Which report was agreed to

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* Marginal note reads *See page 237.*—ED.

M^r Jones presented the following resolution

Whereas the Common Council has ordered that Maiden Lane be widened from Broadway to Nassau Street, so as to be of the width of forty two feet [229] and nine inches, by which regulation that street will be left seven feet three inches narrower than Courtlandt Street and whereas it is deemed most proper, that Maiden Lane should be of the same width with Courtlandt Street, therefore resolved, that Maiden Lane be opened to the width of fifty feet, instead of forty two feet nine inches."

After considerable discussion, upon the question of agreeing to the same, a division having been called, it was carried in the affirmative

Affirmative			Negative
Alderman Dickinson	M^r Jones		Alderman Mesier
Cunningham	Hawes		Carpenter
Hoghland	Lawrence		Buckmaster
Torrey	Morss		John Pell
	Titus		M^r Douglass
	Welling		M^r Hardenbrook
	King	11	6

Whereupon resolved, that the Street Commissioner ascertain the line of M^r Binninger's property and that the Market house & Engine House be immediately removed. Resolved also that the Committee formerly appointed on this subject have full power to carry the above resolutions into effect

Resolved further, that the Alderman and Assistant of the Third ward be requested to report a suitable place for an Engine House. Also resolved, that the Dwelling Houses on the South Side of Maiden Lane be not removed until the first day of May next; but that the inhabitants [230] have notice, that, at that time, the buildings will be removed

On motion ordered, that the bond given by M^r Schenk, this day, be returned to him to be cancelled, which was accordingly done

On motion ordered, that the Comptroller, at the next meeting of the Board, report a warrant in favour of M^r Querau Apothecary of the Alms House for $100 agreeably to a former resolution of a committee

The Committee, on the petition of J. R Murray and William Ogden reported as follows

"The Committee, to whom was referred the memorial of John R. Murray & William Ogden soliciting the board to issue their bonds for building of one third of the wharf on the North side of the Albany Basin at the North River, beg leave to report, that they have examined the said wharf and are of opinion, that the work is well done & that the applicants are entitled to receive their bonds, agreeably to the resolutions of this Board on that subject

Charles Dickinson
(signed) A. H. Lawrence
Samuel Stilwell

Which report was agreed to and bonds directed to be issued accordingly

The Committee on the cause of Culver agt the Corporation reported verbally, that they had made a compromise with the agent of Culver for $2000, that the council of the Board was preparing the necessary releases, which would be presented to the Board. Whereupon ordered, that a warrant issue immediately payable out of the first monies in the treasury in favour of the Said Committee for $2000

[231] On motion ordered, that the Attorney of the Board report what cases of non compliance with the ordinances of the Corporation in cases of nuisance had been reported to him and what suits had been thereon commenced by him

On motion resolved, that the Alderman & assistant of the Second & Fourth ward be authorised to employ a person to inspect & oversee the execution of the contract for filling in Peck Slip

Resolved, that the committee on the petition of the Corporation of Trinity Church be requested to report as soon as convenient

The Comptroller reported Cash in the Treasury	$3573.87
Warrants not presented	75.
	3498.87

Whereupon resolved, that his Honour the Mayor issue warrants for the following sums

R. Graves Asst St Commissioner 1 mo	52.
A. Otterson Asst City Inspector 1 mo	52.
Wm J Waldron Collector 1 Quarter	152.
Wm P. Roome Pottersfield 1 month	30.
William Willis coroner 1 Quarter	82.61
Isaac Loofborrow regulating public clock	66.66
David King, beer, segars &c for Common Council	61.62
John Hutchings, Sunday services	3.
Benjn Haight for 43 watch hats	150.50

Amos Rooke, keeper of signall poles	82.50	
Enoch Hoyt filling at Brooklyn	666.66	
Thos & George Lovett filling Peck Slip	400.	
Thomas Palmer on Elizabeth Street	358.50	
Abraham Potts, balance on regulating Greene St	209.	
Walter Allen, on account of bulk head and drain at Peck Slip	700.	
		3067. 5
Balance in the treasury		$431.82

[232] In Common Council May 13th 1811

Present Pierre C. Van Wyck Esqr recorder President

		Samuel Jones Junr	
Peter Mesier		Peter Hawes	
Thomas Carpenter		Auge H. Lawrence	
William Hoghland	Esqrs	John Morss	Esqrs
William Torrey	Aldermen	Isaac S. Douglass	Assistants.
Caleb Pell		Michael M. Titus	
George Buckmaster		Wm Welling	
		Wm A. Hardenbrook	

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

On motion ordered, that the Clerk of this Board furnish to the inhabitants of Maiden Lane, who are immediately affected by the proposed measure of widening said street, the resolutions of the Common Council on that subject.

On a verbal report of the committee on the fire department, ordered that the Comptroller report a warrant at the next meeting of the Board in favour of Hardenbrook and Nichols for $800 on account for repairs to the engines &c.

An invitation was received from the president of the College of physicians & surgeons to attend the Medical commencement of the Institution on Thursday next at 11 o'clock. Whereupon resolved, that the Common Council will attend the same.

Petitions were received from Joseph Dederer N Taylor and Peter Hoffmire to be permitted to build vaults in front of their respective lots in Courtland, Barclay & Walker Streets, which were granted [233] upon the usual terms and under the direction of the Alderman and Assistants of the respective wards and the Street Commissioner

A presentment was received from the Grand Jury of the late Sessions recommending the regulation of the stands & prices of Hackney coaches and presenting as a nuisance the running at large of dogs, the former of which subjects was referred to the committee on Laws and ordinances and the latter to the committee heretofore appointed on that subject. At the request of M^r^ Hawes he was excused from serving on said committee and M^r^ Titus was placed upon it

A petition of Bartholomew M'Garagan for a huckster stand at the Fly Market was received and referred to the Market Committee

An account of John Brown for emptying the Bridewell sink was received & referred to the Superintendant of repairs and the City Inspector

A petition from Fire Engine Company N° 24 stationed at the Otswego market requesting, that as the Engine House is to be removed, that it may be placed, at the corner of Trinity Church Yard was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Third ward.

A petition of Robert Hinchman for an office was read and referred to the committee on applications.

A petition was received from William Anderson stating that he was owner of some lots of ground at Greenwich near Hetty Street; that he had been ordered to fill up the same; but as he was intending immediately to build, he prayed the [234] ordinance might be repelled. Ordered, that the operation of the said ordinance be suspended for one week

A petition of Margaret Davis was received stating, that she was owner of the lot at the corner of Grand & Crosby Streets, which is advertised for sale for an assessment due upon it; that she had a certificate from the former Street Commissioner M^r^ Hunn (which she had lost) stating, that she was not to pay that assessment and praying relief. Ordered to lie on the table

A petition was received from Abraham Stagg for payment of money due to him for regulating &c Lispenard Street, which was referred to the Street Commissioner

A representation was received from Fire Engine Company N° 5, stating, that their Engine House wanted repairs. Whereupon ordered, that the Superintendant of repairs cause the necessary repairs to be made.

A petition was received from sundry inhabitants, praying that the curb and gutter stone might be laid and the carriage way paved in Pump Street from Mott to Mulberry Street [and] was referred to the Street Commissioner

A communication from Benjamin Dickinson on the subject of the price of a house of John Dickinson for a watch house for the Greenwich watch was received and referred to the Watch committee

A petition of John Paul to be appointed overseer of convicts was received and referred to the Committee on the establishment at Bellevue

The Committee on the petition of John Anderson respecting the outer block of the pier at Duane Street [235] Basin reported, that they had paid particular attention to the subject and find from a survey and diagram made thereof, that it will be requisite to sink a block in front of the one overturned in such a manner as to be worked up with the said overturned block on the top, so as to make a solid surface of thirty feet by forty with a base of 55 feet by part 30 and partly 40 feet; and to connect this with the present pier will require a bridge of 62 feet, the whole expense by calculation will amount to $3970, which sum Mr Anderson will agree to compleat it for, which your committee are of opinion ought to be done, as the basin in the present state is dangerous for vessels. The Committee, therefore beg leave to recommend that the Street Commissioner be directed to make a contract with Mr Anderson accordingly

Charles Dickinson
(signed) Peter Hawes
John Morss

which report was agreed to and the Street Commissioner was directed to make the necessary contract

The Committee on the fire department to whom had been referred the several petitions of fire Engine Company N° 10 N° 20 & N° 8 reported on N° 10, that the Engine house belonging to N° 10 at the corner of Jones Street and Bowery road is not large enough to accommodate the Company and the now nearly finished engine lately built for that company. They, therefore, recommend, that a new building of wood be erected for the same, at or near the place, where the present Engine house stands, agreeably to the prayer of the [236] petition

Peter Hawes
(signed) Wm A. Hardenbrook
Isaac S. Douglass

The same committee also reported, that, in their opinion, it is proper to build a new Engine house for Engine N° 20 at or near the spot, on which it at present stands at the Albany basin, and that the said Engine house be built of brick " both of which reports were agreed to and the houses directed to be built under their direction

And they reported as to N° 8, that the Engine house, to which the petitioners belonged stands in the jail yard and that they petition for a new Engine House to be built of brick. As it is highly probable, that in a few years, the Corporation will cause the jail to be removed from its present situation, the committee deemed it inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petition " which report was, likewise, agreed to

The same committee, to whom had been referred the petition of the inhabitants in the neighbourhood of Pit, Arundel, Rivington & Delancey Streets reported, " that from the increase of populations and of buildings in the part of the city mentioned in the petition, the committee were of opinion, that it would be proper to establish a fire company there and that a suitable engine be granted them. They therefore recommended, that the prayer of the petition be granted them," which report was agreed to

The attorney of the Board, agreeably to the resolution of the Board passed at the last meeting reported upon the prosecutions, which had been commenced for breaches of ordinances on the [237] subject of nuisances, which was ordered to be filed

The Committee of Charity, on the *petition of M^r^ Thalamis reported verbally, that they had enquired into the situation of the petitioner and believed the case as stated in his petition was true. They, therefore, recommended, that provision be made for the support of the petitioner while in this country and that a passage to his own home be procured for him, which was agreed to and the same committee were requested to carry it into execution

The Committee on the †petition of Peter Schermerhorn reported, that the prayer of said petition ought to be granted by directing South Street to be continued from Beekman Slip to Peck Slip and they recommend, that measures be taken for the purpose accordingly

(signed) Thomas Carpenter
S Jones Jun^r

which was agreed to and the Street Commissioner was directed to report an ordinance agreeably thereto.

The Market Committee upon the several petitions hereafter mentioned which had been committed to them reported, viz on the petition of John K. Floor, that. he have leave to take possession of stall N° 3 Fly Market, provided he relinquish his present stall N° 20 in said market. Upon the petition of Joseph Hyde, that stall N° 6 Fly Market should be granted to him.

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* Marginal note reads *See page 227.*—ED.
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Upon the petition of Nazareth B. Vermillyea that Stall N° 32 Fly market be granted to him

Upon the petition of Benjamin Brewster, that stall N° 19 Fly Market be granted to him

[238] Upon the petition of Christian Truss, that stall N° 28 Fly Market be granted to him.

Upon the petition of Robert S. Clarke, that as the former occupant of stall N° 39 Hudson Market was willing gratuitously to relinquish the stall, that it be granted to the petitioner.

Upon the petition of Nathaniel Underhill, that as William Kline is willing to relinquish the Stall N° 42 Fly Market to the petitioner and as no money transaction is connected therewith, that said stall be granted to the petitioner, which said several reports were agreed to

The same committee, upon the petition of Nathan Eisenhart for the office of Clerk of Catharine Market in the place of Isaac Trowbridge about leaving the city, reported that they recommended said petitioner to be appointed Clerk of Catharine Market. Whereupon the said Nathan Eisenhart was appointed Clerk of Catharine Market

The City Inspector reported sundry ordinances for filling in certain sunken lots & correcting other nuisances from N° 7725 to N° 7730 inclusive, which were passed.

The Committee on the petition of sundry persons for opening the Street delineated on the map of the Commissioners as the 3d Avenue presented a report, the consideration of which was postponed

The Street Commissioner presented several ordinances for regulating and paving Dover Street, from Water Street to South Street; for paving Delancey Street from Norfolk to Lewis Street and for elevating & repaving so much of Magazine Street (now Pearl Street) as may be necessary to gain an elevation of two feet at Collect Street, which ordinances were passed. The Assessors named were laid over

[239] A valuation of the Boats of the Hell Gate and Brooklyn ferries was presented. Whereupon ordered, that the Comptroller settle the balance due and report a warrant for payment of the same.

The ferry committee on the petition of Mr Van Buskirk reported, that, in their opinion, the said ferry should be leased to the petitioner for the term of three years at the rent of $15 per annum, which was agreed to and the Comptroller directed to make the lease accordingly.

A memorial was received from Aspinwall Cornwall *Cornwall* Collector of the Seventh Ward, stating, that his desk, in which among other things was the tax book of the ward accidentally took fire and the said book was consumed, whereby he was greatly impeded in the Collection of the tax & prayed relief. Whereupon resolved, that the petitioner have until the first of July next to collect & pay the amount of the tax of said ward into the treasury, on condition that sufficient security is given for performance of the same. Ordered also, that the Comptroller furnish the petitioner with a copy of the tax book.

The ordinances for paving Bridge Street, Stone Street and repairing the drain in Water Street were called up and John Nitchie jun^r^ Daniel Smith, Isaac Sebring, Asa Holden and William Stilwell were appointed Assessors in the two former and John Nitchie Junior, Garrit Storm, James W. Lent, Benjamin Stephens & Daniel Smith were appointed assessors on the latter.

A letter was received from William Bridges praying the loan of the map of the Commissioners of Streets & roads to enable him to complete the copy of the same, on which he was now *en* [240] engaged. Ordered, that the Clerk of the Board loan the said map to M^r^ Bridges

The Comptroller presented a report stating that he experienced great inconvenience in issuing grants on account of no person being appointed to examine them. Ordered to lie on the table

The Comptroller, to whom was referred the account of Simeon DeWitt Esq^r^ reported, as follows "The Comptroller has the honour to report to the Board, on the account of Simeon DeWitt Esq^r^ one of the Commissioners of Streets and roads in the City of New York referred to him the 6^th^ instant.

There are charges made in this account which the Subscriber conceives to be incorrect, according to the 12^th^ section of "an act relative to improvements, touching the laying out of streets and roads in the city of New York and for other purposes" Passed 3^d^ April 1807. By this it is enacted that each of the said Commissioners shall be entitled to receive the sum of not more than four dollars, (besides all reasonable expenses for maps, field notes, monuments, chain bearers and assistants) for each day, they shall respectively be actually employed, in the duties assigned to them, the same to be paid by the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York and assessed as aforesaid.

M^r^ DeWitt states the date of his arrival in this city, from time to time, and when he left it & charges the whole number of days, Sundays included. There are also charges for going to and coming from Albany.

The whole above mentioned, which do not appear to be embraced by the law, amount to near two hundred dollars

As the Subscriber cannot consistently *ad* [241] adjust this account, without the interference of the Board, he respectfully submits the same for their decision

(signed) G. N. Bleeker Comptroller

On motion of M^r^ Hardenbrook that the charge in said account for Sundays be disallowed, the same was carried in the affirmative. For same motion to disallow the charges of travelling expences, the same passed in the Negative. M^r^ Jones then gave notice, that he would move to reconsider the first vote taken on this subject at the next meeting

The Comptroller stated, that he had drawn upon the treasurer of the state for the proportion of the School money due the Congregation of Sherith Israel in this city, which was approved

The Comptroller presented a report on the Peck Slip lots, the consideration of which was postponed.

The Comptroller presented a report on the account of the Superintendant of Streets, the consideration of which was postponed

On motion of Alderman Carpenter, the Street Commissioner was directed to report an ordinance for carrying into effect the report of the Committee of wharves, piers & slips of the 21st January last on the subject of a pier at Beekman Slip

The Street Commissioner presented the following

As the Street Commissioner has and is about contracting for paving a number of streets, he considers it of great importance to the public, as well as the individuals, who own the ground, fronting on the streets to have the work well done with good materials. He would again beg leave to suggest to the Board the propriety of appointing an Inspector of pavements, whose duty it shall be to inspect the materials & *workman* [242] workmanship, as the work progresses and to see that the conditions of the contracts on the part of those, who engage to do the work are fully complied with." Whereupon resolved, that an inspector of pavements be appointed; and ordered that the Street Commissioner report an ordinance respecting the same

The Street Commissioner presented a further list of monies due upon assessments on vacant lots. Whereupon ordered, that the same be advertised by the Street Commissioner agreeably to the Statute in such case made and provided

Ordered, that the Clerk of the Board make a return, at the next meeting, of the names of the persons, who have reported themselves to him as holding the office of measurers in this city

The following persons were appointed firemen the chief Engineer certifying the corresponding vacancies

Fire Engine Company Nº 1

Samuel Davis, painter Nº 236 Duane Street 5th ward v. Richard Gosline gone to sea

Nº 12

Mathew Howell, grocer Front St 2d ward v. Jacob Valantine resigned

Nº 21

Henry Wallis, mechanic Nº 106 Maiden Lane 2d ward v. John Van Nostrandt resigned.

Nº 33

Sutton Green Carman Broome Street 10th ward v. David Cannon resigned

John Stackhouse Mason, Broome Street 10th ward v. Benjamin Hadding resigned

Nº 36

Daniel Horton carpenter Budd Street 8th ward v. John [243] Goodheart resigned

Nehemiah Garthwaite Carpenter, Crosby Street v. Smith Valentine expelled

David Fowler Grocer Spring Street 8th ward v. Joseph Tompkins resigned

Richard Cooper Dock builder Spring Street v. Thos J. Boles resigned.

The Comptroller reported cash in treasy	11.575.73
Warrant not presented	75.
	$11.500.73

Whereupon his Honour the Mayor was requested to issue his warrs for payt of the following sums

Lawrence & Van Wart watch	592.90
Farrington & White Do	592.90
Goodheart & Hays Do	779.80
Thos Hazard for officers conveying prisoners to City Prison 6 mos to 1st June	106.25
Charles Campbell Sunday service 1st wd	15.75
Thos Foote repairing Engine house Nº 7 & house corner of Chapel & Walker St	90.40

Oliver Waldron overseer of roads	141.
Henry Brush repg pumps 7th ward	75.25
J. Halsey repg docks Coenties Slip	625.27
J. Anderson Do at Vesey Street	293.32
Thomas & George Lovett, acct paving Mott St	90.
James Drake, bond & interest	5412.50
S. Jones Junr chairman of committee in case of Colver v. s Corporation	2000.
Mr Quereau apothecary of Alms House	100.
William Torrey Chairman of Lamp Committee to pay lamplighters	420.

[244] In Common Council May 20th 1811

Present Honourable DeWitt Clinton Esqr President

Peter Mesier	Esqrs Aldermen	Samuel Jones junr	Esq Assistants
Thomas Carpenter		Auge H. Lawrence	
Charles Dickinson		Elisha W. King	
Richard Cunningham		John Morss	
William Hoghland		Isaac S Douglass	
William Torrey		William Welling	
George Buckmaster		Wm A. Hardenbrook	
Caleb Pell		Abraham Van Gelder	
Nicholas Fish			
John Pell			

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

Petitions were received from Jacob Harriot & Joshua Q. Kerr for butchers stands in Hudson Market & from John Somerindyck for Stall No 5 Duane Market, which were referred to the Market Committee

Petitions were received from John W. Wurts and Jacob Halsey for tavern licences gratis, which were granted. A similar petition from Rose Campbell was referred to the Committee of Charity

Petitions were received for continuing the paving of Delancey Street to Goerck Street & for regulating Prince Street from Broadway to Mercer Street, which were referred to the Street Commissioner

Petitions were received from John Gale Collector of the First ward & John Palmer Collector of the Tenth ward, praying, that further time may be given to them for collecting the tax of last year, [245] and paying the same into the Treasury. Whereupon resolved, that time be given until the 1st July next, on condition, that sufficient security be given for the payment of the same.

A petition was received from William Bayard, stating, that he is owner of several lots of ground, that to avoid difficulty in collection, he deposited with the Street Commissioner three years ago a list of his lots; that notwithstanding one of his lots has been sold for an assessment of $3; that the collector has furnished him an account for assessments due, upon which interest is charged, that as no demand was ever made, he considers the charge of interest as improper and prayed relief. Ordered, that the same be referred to the Comptroller and the Committee on assessments

A petition was received from John Holdron, stating, that he has been Lessee of the Powles Hook ferry since its first establishment; that his lease under the corporation expired on the 1st of February last; that it was then stated to him, that as the Steam Ferry boat company could not comply with their engagement of then taking the Ferry, that the Corporation were desirous that he should continue it until the 1st day of May and that the Company would take his boats at a fair valuation; that he acceded to the proposal, although it is known, that the ferry during that period of the year is very unprofitable; that the company now refuse to take his boats at a fair valuation and he thereby sustains considerable injury and prayed relief. Ordered, that the same be referred to the committee on Steam Boats

[246] A petition was received from Richard P. Lawrance stating, that by the fire of yesterday, he lost a great quantity of materials for his trade & of three buildings, which were on lots belonging to the Corporation. He, therefore, prayed as some remuneration for his great losses, that the Common Council would renew to him the lease of the lots, which he held from them. Ordered, that the same be referred to Alderman Mesier, C. Pell & Mr King

A petition of Samuel Dunbar to be permitted to frame a house in James's Street was read & referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the 4th ward.

A petition from a number of inhabitants praying, that Hudson Street might be opened and continued across Reed Street into Chamber Street was read & referred to the Committee on Streets & the Street Commissioner

A remonstrance from sundry proprietors of ground against erecting an Alms House and other public buildings at Bellevue was read and referred to the Bellevue Committee

A communication from Waters Furman on the subject of the sale of manure was read & referred to the committee on the subject viz Alderman Caleb Pell, Carpenter [&] John Pell

A petition stating, that the drain in Water Street from the head

of Gouverneur's Lane was stopped and praying, that it might be opened
& cleansed. was received. Whereupon ordered, that the Superinten-
[247] dant of repairs forthwith cause the complaint to be remedied at
the expense of the neighbourhood.

A communication from Elisha Boudinot Esq^{r} on behalf of the directors of the Steam ferry boat company was received, stating that it was absolutely necessary to have the pier and basin for the reception of the Steam Boats on the New York side completed by the middle of August next. A Letter was also received from Robert Fulton recommending that the Corporation would treat with M^{rs} Smith (late Wilkins) for her right to the North side of the Steam Boat Slip. Whereupon ordered, that the said communications be referred to the Steam ferry boat committee & that they also be requested to treat with M^{r} Smith respecting the right to the North side of the Steam Boat Slip.

The Clerk of the Common Council agreeably to the order of the Board reported the following names of persons, who had reported themselves to him as City Measurers

Frederick Maybie
Lawrance Myers
Jacob Maybie
Samuel Bleeker
Samuel R. Jackson
William Robb
John Wright
William Philips
William C. Ballard
Philip Youngs
Aaron Howell
Robert Quin
Crowell Evans
[248] William Frost
Smith Richards
Charles Grand
Jacob S. Mott
Abraham Day
Henry B. Moore
John N. Johnston

Dennis Stryker
Bernardus Rider
Benjamin Clark
Thomas Fardon
Joseph Earle
Jacobus J. Stoutenburgh
William Pearsall
Joseph Burras
Jeremiah Stow
Christopher Prince
William Lawrence
Robert Ratsone
John C. Redman
Samuel W. Disbrow
William Miller
William Cummings
Charles Titus
And^{w} Hegerman
Benj^{n} F Boyd
Sam^{l} F. Whiting

and Daniel Dodge

The watch committee presented the following on the subject of a house purchased for the watch at Greenwich

" The watch committee beg leave to report, that, in consequence of the removal of the Third District Watch to the New City Hall, a different disposition of its branch at Greenwich became necessary.

From the best information, that could be obtained, Spring Street has been selected as a proper situation. Your committee have purchased a large and convenient house of M^r^ John Dickinson; the requisite alterations for the accommodation of the watch men have been made and possession taken on the 1^st^ of May. The lease of the lot has fifty two years unexpired, subject to an annual ground rent of thirty dollars. The house and lease have been purchased for the sum of one thousand dollars for the payment of which sum your committee request the order of the Board

Isaac S. Douglass
May 20th 1811. (signed) Peter Mesier
William Welling

which report was agreed to

An application was received from John Dickinson to be relieved from an assessment for Spring Street laid upon the house & lot purchased of him, which was, on motion, negatived.

[249] The ordinances past at last meeting for paving Delancey Street, Dover Street & Pearl (late Magazine) Street were called up and Ezekiel Bishop, Solomon Wheeler, Abraham Hart, Robert Cole and Stephen Kingsland were appointed assessors.

The Street Commissioner presented the following ordinances viz one for building a pier at Beekman Slip in Front of South Street two hundred & fifty feet into the river from the South Easterly side of South Street and at right angles with South Street; one for paving Pump Street from Mott to Mulberry Street, and an ordinance empowering the Street Commissioner to employ an inspector of pavements, which were severally passed

The Street Commissioner presented a return of delinquents upon the assessments for Pitt & Leonard Streets. Whereupon ordered, that a warrant issue to Noah Jarvis for collection of the same.

The Street Commissioner presented the assessment for regulating &c Thompson Street, Hester Street & Laight Street, which was confirmed and Noah Jarvis was appointed collector on each.

The Street Commissioner, upon the remonstrance against regulating Grand Street, reported, That Grand Street is now impassible with any sort of carriages in that part ordered to be regulated, which order this remonstrance is against.

The Street Commissioner is of opinion, that any further delay would be a public injury and a great inconvenience to the inhabitants of the property fronting on this street and the neighbourhood thereof, as there is a public ferry at the foot of the street and the irregularity of the Street is an obstacle to improvement of the lots fronting on the [250] same

He is, therefore of opinion, that the petitioners should have leave to withdraw their petition.

(signed) Samuel Stilwell
Street Commissioner

which report was confirmed

The Street Commissioner presented the following on the subject of Stone Street & Front S^t^

The Street Commissioner has the honour to state for the information of the Board, that the assessments for widening and improving Stone Street and Front Street are closed, and the monies deposited in the treasury. He would, therefore suggest the propriety of issuing warrants for the payment of the award of the Jury to the following persons for property taken

Stone Street	
To John Jay	$920
Heirs of Rob^t^ B. Norton, balance	372
D^o^ E. Boudinot	236
	$1528

Front Street	
To heirs of J. Rogers (J. L. Kip agent) Bal^c^	520
Lewis Moore	70
David V. Smith	400
signed) Samuel Stilwell	990

which report was agreed to and the Comptroller was directed to report warrants agreeably thereto

The Street Commissioner, on the petition of Charles Mooney reported, that the sum of ninety one dollars, as stated in his petition is due on the contract for regulating & paving Harrison Street from Washington Street towards West Street. He therefore recommended, that the Comptroller be instructed to *re* [251] report a warrant for that amount in favour of Charles Mooney at the next meeting of the Board

The Street Commissioner farther states, that Seventy one $^{40}/_{100}$ dollars of this money is assessed on ground of Jacob Smith, which he has given an order to deduct from the amount of an award in his favour for ground taken to widen Washington S^t^ The remainder is due from M^r^ Delavan the Collector, who is a delinquent

(signed) Samuel Stilwell

which report was agreed to and the Comptroller directed to report a warrant agreeably thereto

The Street Commissioner, to whom was referred the petition of Abraham Stagg for payment of a balance of $252 $^{50}/_{100}$ due him for regulating & paving Lispenard Street, reported, that, in his opinion a warrant ought to be reported for that amount, in favour of the contractor Abraham Stagg, As the delay of payment has been owing to the delinquency [of] M^r^ Delavan the Collector; and that the Attorney should be directed to take legal measures against the said delinquent and his surety to have the money refunded

(signed) Samuel Stilwell

which report was agreed to and the Attorney directed forthwith to proceed against the delinquent and his sureties.

M^r^ King stated to the Board, that at the fire, which took place yesterday, one of the prisoners confined for debt in the goal was extremely active in extinguishing the fire, which had taken on the cupola of the prison. Whereupon, on his motion, it was resolved, that a warrant issue in favour of the Clerk of the Common Council not exceeding $60 to be by him applied in [252] *in* discharge of said prisoner's debt

It having been presented to the Board, that two seamen, at the imminent hazard of their lives, had ascended the steeple of the Brick Presbyterian Church, which was on fire and had by their exertions arrested the progress of the flames, until the leader of one of the engines could be brought to play upon it. Whereupon resolved, that a committee be appointed to make a suitable present to those persons, which shall be expressive of the high sense this common council entertain of their spirited exertions. The Committee appointed were Alderman Mesier, Carpenter & M^r^ Lawrence

Two resolutions directing the heirs of M^r^ Lispenard to fill in Washington Street and to compleat the South side of the Basin, at the outlet of Canal Street were presented & referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Eighth ward

M^r^ Lawrence presented a resolution for the appointment of a Counseller & Attorney to the Board, which was ordered to lie on the table

A petition of the Tammany Society to be permitted to bring out the front of the hall, which they are building to a line with Nassau Street & a petition from John Grintzeback & others to extend the front of their lots to the line of Chatham Street were referred to a committee, who were directed to enquire into the power of the Common Council to grant the measure, as well as into the expediency of the measure. The Committee appointed were Alderman Fish Mr Jones Mr Morss

[253] On motion leave was given to the Committee appointed on the 25th March last, on the petition respecting the drain in Chapel Street to cause such repairs to be immediately made, as they shall deem necessary

On motion, it was referred to the following Committee to report upon the propriety of giving to the Street Commissioner the sole power of appointing and displacing the inspectors of streets viz Alderman Mesier Mr Jones Alderman J. Pell.

The following resolution respecting goods lost at the late fire was agreed to and directed to be published

Resolved, that all persons having in their possession property belonging to the unfortunate sufferers by the late fire be requested to deposit the same at the Alms House yard, in order that such property may be restored to the owner thereof, upon proof being made to the satisfaction of the Commissioners of the Alms House or any two of them.

On motion, resolved, that the following gentlemen be a committee to consider & report upon the propriety of continuing Chamber Street through into Chatham Street, viz Mr Jones Alderman Torrey Alderman Hoghland

On motion, resolved, that the market committee be authorised to remove the present Oswego market house into Vesey Street below Washington Street and to erect such part of it there, as they may think proper

[254] The Committee on the subject of Dogs presented the following resolution, which was agreed to

Resolved as the sense of this Board, that the owners or possessors of all dogs within this city pay as a tax for each dog the sum of dollars per annum and that all dogs within the said city shall have a collar upon which the owner's name with the street & number or other sufficient description of his residence shall be fairly inscribed; and any dog going at large within the said city without such collar shall be destroyed by persons to be appointed for that purpose and that the Committee heretofore appointed be instructed to report an ordinance predicated on this resolution

On motion Dennis H. Doyle was appointed Fire warden of the 4th ward vice Samuel M. Thompson removed from the city

On motion resolved, that the Fire department committee be requested to report whether any and what improvement may be made in the said department.

The report of the Committee on the petition for opening the third Avenue was called up, which being read was in the words following

" The Committee, to whom was referred the petition of Samuel Kip and others praying, that the street or road delineated on the map of the city lately filed by the Commissioners of Streets & roads & called the Third Avenue be opened, beg leave to report

That the public convenience as well as the particular accommodation of the petitioners make it [255] desirable, that a street or avenue should be opened between the Bowery Road and the East River

That from an examination of the map and a knowledge of the ground, it appears, that the Second avenue is preferable to the Third in many respects, as well in relation to the public, as to many of the petitioners, some of whom have so expressed themselves

The Committee, therefore, recommend, that legal measures be immediately taken for opening the Second Avenue from its commencement at First Street to its intersection of the Old Post road between the four and five mile stones

Nicholas Fish
Aug^e H. Lawrence
(signed) William Welling
Sam^l Stilwell
W^m A. Hardenbrook

M^r Jones moved to amend the same by inserting after the words " for opening the Second Avenue " the words " and Third avenue," which was agreed to. The Road Committee & Street Commissioner were then directed to take the necessary legal measures for carrying the same into effect.

M^r Hardenbrook presented the following " Resolved, that the Road Committee be directed to report to the Board at their next meeting the propriety of opening the Ninth Avenue, as it intersects with Greenwich Street or the Eight avenue, which may be made to unite with Hudson Street."

It was moved, that "the Street Committee" be substituted for "the Road Committee." Mr Hardenbrook having called for a division upon the question, it was carried in the affirmative as follows

[256] Affirmative		Negative
Alderman Mesier	Alderman Buckmaster	Mr Jones
Carpenter	C. Pell	Douglass
Dickinson	Fish	King
Cunningham	J. Pell	Welling
Hoghland	Mr Lawrence 11	Hardenbrook 5
Torrey		

The question was then taken on the resolution as amended & carried.

The following persons were appointed firemen, the chief Engineer certifying the corresponding vacancies

Fire Engine N° 16

Gilbert B. Mott merchant Cedar St 3d ward v. John King resigned

Peter S. Muhlenberg Merchant Liberty Street 2d ward v. Charles Marsh resigned.

Fire Engine N° 24

Thomas Bennet, cabinet maker 2d Ward v. Herman Emmons resigned

Fire Engine N° 32

Benjamin Archer, grocer Elizabeth St 8th ward v. George H. Healy resigned

Floating Engine Company

Alexander Allen House carpenter 39 Roosevelt Street 4th ward v. Richard Chew gone to sea.

Thomas Philips house carpenter 6 Batavia Lane 4th ward v. Simeon Brown resigned

Hezekiah Cook Clerk 103 Cherry St 4th ward v. George Beekman resigned.

[257] Fire Engine Company N° 9

Benjamin Stevens, grocer, 37 Stone Street 1st ward v Jacob Crocheron resigned.

John Wilson grocer 98 Greenwich St 1st ward v. Joseph Meeks resigned

Henry D. Merritt grocer Liberty Street 3d ward v. Robert M'Cullen resigned.

The Comptr reported Cash in the treasury	12.503.69
Warrants not presented	5587.50
	6916.19

Whereupon his Honour the Mayor was requested to issue warrants for payt of the following sums

W. Fish to pay inspectors of election	$210.
Do to pay Clerks Do	148.
Josh Burjeau to pay officers Do	270.
Thos Hazard keeper City Prison & 2 assts	512.50
John Striker Junr Sunday services	15.
Samuel Kip for posts & rails	110.76
G. N. Bleeker 1 Qr to 15th inst	375.
James Richardson cleaning wells	31.87
O'Neil & Lee repairing wells	98.28
Archd Smyth filling Collect Lots	291.43
Anderson & Smith on acct of Broome St	200.
Archd Smyth on acct of Beach & Varick Sts	100.
Joseph Houston on acct Spring St	100.
Patrick Cain, paving intersections of Front & Broad Streets	3.75
Hardenbrook and Nichols on account of repairs to Engines &c	800.
Richard Furman Supt of the Alms House	1500.
John H Sickles Treasr of New City Hall	1500.
William Torrey Chairman of Watch Come	1000.
	$7266.59

Adjourned to meet at Bellevue on May 25th instant

[258] In Common Council May 25th 1811

Present His Honour DeWitt Clinton Esqr Mayor President

Peter Mesier Charles Dickinson Richard Cunningham William Hoghland William Torrey George Buckmaster Caleb Pell Nicholas Fish John Pell	Esqs Aldermen	Samuel Jones junr Peter Hawes Auge H. Lawrence Elisha W. King John Morss Isaac S. Douglass Michael M. Titus William Welling William A Hardenbrook Abraham Van Gelder	Esqs Assistants

The Board met at Bellevue according to adjournment & proceeded to examine into the most proper place for the scite of the intended Alms House to be erected on the ground lately purchased of the heirs of Mr Kip, when the spot, which had been previously staked out by the Committee, to whom that subject had been referred was agreed upon

[259] In Common Council May 27th 1811

Present His Honour DeWitt Clinton Esqr Mayor President

Peter Mesier
Thomas Carpenter
Richard Cunningham
William Hoghland
William Torrey
George Buckmaster
Caleb Pell
Nicholas Fish
John Pell
Esqrs Aldermen

Samuel Jones junr
Peter Hawes
Auge H. Lawrence
Elisha W. King
Isaac S. Douglass
Michael M. Titus
William Welling
Wm A Hardenbrook
Abraham Van Gelder
Esqrs Assistants

The minutes of the last meeting and of the Special meeting were read and approved.

A petition from 1347 inhabitants praying the Corporation to pass an ordinance restraining the number of dogs in the City was read.

A petition of Rowland Seening for the office of overseer of convicts was read & referred to the Bellevue committee

Petitions were received from Charles Gilman for a stand in Vesey Street market; from John Shean, William H. Gibson & Thomas Skillman for stall in Hudson market, from Nathan Reynolds for permission to sell meat at the junction of the Bowery & Broadway and from Catharine Fleming & Catharine Cherry for Huckster stands in the Fly Market, which were severally referred to the Market Committee

A petition of Thomas Rogers for remission of a penalty incurred under the Sunday Law was read. Whereupon resolved, that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition

Petitions were received from the Collectors [260] of the 2d 3d 5th and Ninth wards, praying, that on account of the great scarcity of money, further time may be given to them to collect in the tax of the last year & to pay the same into the treasury. Ordered, that time be given until the 1st day of July next, on condition, that sufficient security be given for the same.

A petition was received from Frederick Depeyster & William Edgar, stating, that they are proprietors of parts of a water lot granted to Alexander Macomb between Delancey & Rivington Street; that the petitioners are uncertain, whether the grant extends to the permanent line: which they pray may be ascertained, and if it does not, they pray, that the grant may be extended. Ordered to be referred to the Comptroller & Street Commissioner

A petition of John Stage a Cartman stating, that he had lost his horse by the bite of a mad dog & praying relief was received & referred to the Committee of Charity

A petition from sundry inhabitants praying, that a road might be opened from Harsin ville to the North River was read & referred to the Road Committee

A petition of James Kelly for payment of his contract for paving Mott Street was read & referred to the Street Commissioner

A petition from Joshua Van Coit, a minor for a licence to drive a cart was read & ordered to lie on the table

The ordinance for paving Sugar Loaf S^t^ & Rivington Street, passed 29th April last was called up and James Davidson, Lemuel Skidmore, Frederick Eckert, Samuel Delamater & William Stone [261] were appointed assessors in the former & Ezekiel Bishop, Solomon Wheeler, Robert Coles, Stephen Kingsland & Abraham Hart in the latter. In the ordinance for regulating & Paving Pump Street passed the 20th inst the persons last named were appointed assessors.

The Clerk of the Common Council reported, that upon applying at the goal agreeably to the resolution of the purpose of liberating the prisoner, who had distinguished himself at the late fire, he found, that the person had not been confined for any debt; but had been imprisoned on a capias on a suit of slander and had been bailed from thence. He also presented a communication from the Sherriff of the city, stating, that the person, who had so distinguished himself was a man of colour of the name of John Mandison, whereof resolved that the subject be referred to the former Committee appointed at the last meeting viz Alderman Mesier, Carpenter Mr Lawrence

Mr Thomas Buckley, Mr Rogers & Mr Harsin attended & presented to the Common Council the following

" At a meeting of the General Committee to solicit donations for the relief of the Sufferers by the late fire, Saturday 25th May 1811

Resolved that Thomas Buckley, B W Rogers & George Harsin be a committee to wait on the Corporation to inform the progress made by the ward committees in Collections and that their operations are now suspended from an idea that the Corporation are about to take the [262] business into their own hands & to afford ample relief in the premises and that the said committee request to be correctly informed on the subject for our government

By order of the Committee

John Vanderbelt Junr Secy

Whereupon on motion Resolved, that it is inexpedient for the Corporation to interfere.

The Street Commissioner presented ordinances for repaving James Street from Chatham to Cherry Street, & for paving Delancey Street from Lewis to Goerck Street which were passed. The assessors named were laid over

A petition of Henry Jackson for payment of ground taken for opening Broadway to the Bowery was read & referred to the Street Commissioner

Petitions from John Traphaggan & Jacob Parcells for the appointment of Captains of the Greenwich watch were read & referred to the Watch Committee

A remonstrance from sundry owners of lots in Pearl Street (lately Magazine Street) against the ordinance passed on the 13th inst for elevating & paving the same was read & referred to the Committee on Streets and the Street Comr

A letter from Israel Hornfield, was read, stating, that he found it dangerous to dig the vaults in Fair Street (as had been permitted him) on account of the narrowness of the Street and prayed permission to stop the passage of carriages for a few days in that Street. Whereupon ordered, that it be referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the ward with authority to give the *per* [263] permission necessary & proper

A petition of David D. Crane for the office of weigher was received & referred to the Committee on applications

A Communication from Dr John Kemp was read stating, that he was proprietor of a lease under the Corporation of a lot of 5 acres of Common Land; that the boundary line between him & Colonel Odell was not settled & praying the interference of the Board on the subject. Whereupon ordered that the same be referred to the Street Commissioner

The following resolutions concerning Canal Street were presented,

Whereas bonds to a very large amount issued by this Board on account of Canal Street will become due in a few days and the payment expected by the holders thereof; and as no arrangements have as yet been made for settling the same

Therefore, resolved, that a committee of four—be appointed and that they be authorised to employ a fit person to open a set of books for Canal Street, Also to make out the assessment book and to do all such other writings & things as may be necessary in order that the business may be prepared for one or more collectors, whom this Board may think proper to appoint for collecting the sums due.

The same was agreed to & the Committee appointed were Mr Lawrence Mr Morss Mr King & The Comptroller

The Committee, to whom the subject had [264] been referred presented the draft of an ordinance "concerning dogs" The same was debated by paragraphs and agreed to. Upon filling up the blank in the 2d paragraph or section as to the tax to be paid for every dog kept in this city, it was moved, to insert the words "[*]three dollars," which was lost. It was then moved to insert "three dollars" Upon the question of agreeing to the same, a division having been called by Alderman Torrey, it was carried in the affirmative as follows.

Affirmative		Negative	
Alderman Mesier		Alderman Hoghland	
Carpenter		Torrey	
Cunningham		Buckmaster	
C. Pell		J. Pell	
Fish		Mr Douglass	
Mr Jones		Mr Welling	
Mr Hawes		Mr Hardenbrook	7
Mr King			
Mr Lawrence	9		

The ordinance was then passed in the words following.

"A Law concerning Dogs"

Section 1st Be it ordained by the Mayor, Alderman and Commonalty of the City of New York in Common Council convened, that no dog shall be suffered to go at large in the City of New York on or after the first day of June next.

Section 2d And be it further ordained, That there shall annually be levied and collected for every dog, which shall be owned or kept in the said city the sum of "three dollars" and the owner or possessor of every such dog shall on or before the First Monday of July in every year make report in writing to such person as the Common Council shall appoint Register [265] for that purpose of the number of dogs by him or her owned or kept in the said city and shall, at the same time, pay to the said Register & Collector, the tax imposed by this ordinance under the penalty of fifty cents for every day he or she shall neglect to make report and pay such tax and the said Register and Collector shall keep an Alphabetical list of the names of all persons, who shall have paid such tax of the number of dogs reported and the sum paid for each.

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[*] In the manuscript "five" may be detected partly effaced by "three."—ED.

Section 3d And be it further ordained, That the said Register and Collector shall be entitled to twenty per Cent upon all monies by him collected and shall on the first Monday of August, November February and May in every year, account under oath with the Chamberlain for the residue of such tax, which shall have been by him received. And shall within one week after his appointment open an office for such registry, giving at least six days previous notice thereof; in at least three of the public Newspapers printed in this city and shall keep the said office open for that purpose every day, Sundays excepted, from the hours of nine o'clock in the morning until three o'clock in the afternoon until the said first Monday of July next and shall in each and every year hereafter, at least one month before the first Monday of July open his said office for the purpose aforesaid giving at least six days previous notice in manner aforesaid of the time & place which his said office will be so opened & shall keep the same open for the purpose aforesaid every day (Sundays excepted) during the hours aforesaid for one month previous to the first Monday of July in each year.

Section 4th And be it further ordained, That every dog found at large contrary to the provisions of [266] this ordinance on or after the first day of June next, shall be liable to be seized and killed by the said register and collector, or such other person or persons as he shall, for that purpose, from time to time appoint, which said register and collector or such other person or persons appointed shall cause the carcases of all dogs by them seized & killed to be forthwith removed & buried and for every dog so killed, removed & buried, shall be entitled to receive the sum of fifty cents to be paid him out of the City Treasury. Provided always, that it shall be lawful for any person to kill a dog going at large on or after the first of June next out of the Lamp district of this city: and that it shall also be lawful for any person to kill any dog at large in any part of the city, which shall bite or attempt to bite any person or animal

Section 5th And be it further ordained, that any person, who shall hinder or molest the said register and Collector of dogs or other person or persons so to be appointed as aforesaid, in carrying into effect the provisions of this ordinance shall forfeit & pay the sum of thirty dollars for each offence

And be it further ordained, that all fines & penalties imposed by this ordinance shall and may be sued for, recovered & received by the said register & collector to be applied and accounted for by him in the same manner with the monies received for taxes."

The Clerk was directed to cause the above ordinance to be published in the different papers of the city, for four days successively and also to publish the same in hand bills. The Board proceeded to the appointment of the Register and Collector, when [267] Abner Curtis was chosen

The following persons were appointed firemen, the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies

N° 10

Frederick Rigger, Gardner, Bowery 10th ward v. Philip Ferris resigned.

N° 29

Peter Van Maker Charles Street 8th ward v. Philip Ferris, resigned.

Wm Deronda carman, Charles Street 8th ward v. William Simmons resigned

Jacob Bordan Carman, Washington St v. Andrew Van Buskirk resigned

N° 34

David Van Orden carpenter Ogden Street v. John Letson removed from the ward

James Jones Carpenter, Raisin Street, v. Cornelius Rider removed to the country.

Cornelius Ostrander, carman, Raisin Street v. John O'Blenis resigned.

N° 36

Abraham Ackerman Spring Street 8th ward

Jacob Ryerson Mason Greenwich St 8th ward

Barnard M'Cormick Shoemaker Spring St 8th ward

Benjamin Caywood D° Spring St 8th ward

The above four are additional men granted by the Common Council to Fire Company N° 36

The Committee on the Fire department on the petition of Fire Engine Company N° 22 reported, that the Engine House was in a condition, which rendered it unworthy of being repaired. They therefore recommended, that a new Engine House of Brick be built for the said company & that the Superintendant of repairs be directed to carry the same into effect, which report was agreed to

[268] The Bellevue Committee presented the following report.

The Committee, to whom was referred the subject of selecting a proper scite for an Alms House on the grounds of the Corporation at Bellevue & of framing a suitable plan for the buildings to be erected thereon &c beg leave to report.

That the plan of the principal building or Alms House, which they herewith present for the consideration of the Board has, for some time past, undergone the attentive examination of the Committee; that from the most careful investigation, it appears to them, in all respects well calculated for the purposes intended & peculiarly well adapted to the local situation & shape of the ground. They, therefore, recommend it to the Board for adoption

Nicholas Fish
(signed) William Hoghland
Peter Hawes
A. H. Lawrence

Which report was agreed to & the plan proposed adopted.

The Committee on the petition of J Boyreau presented a draft of an ordinance respecting "Chimneys," the consideration of which was postponed until Friday next, when, on motion, a special meeting of the Common Council was ordered to be holden.

Mr Hawes called up the report of the Committee on the petition of the fishermen made on the 10th September last, the consideration of which was postponed until Friday

The Street Committee on the subject of opening Chamber Street reported, that in their opinion, it would be proper & expedient to open & continue said Street in its course and of its present width [269] from Augustus Street to Chatham Street; which was agreed to & the Street Commissioner was directed to take the legal measures for carrying the same into effect

The City Inspector presented ordinances for the correction of sundry nuisances from No 7731 to No 7745 inclusive, which were passed

The Comptroller reported Cash in the Treasury amounting to	$5738.97
Warrant not presented	100.
	5638.97

Whereupon his Honour the Mayor was requested to issue his warrant for payt of the following sums—

Lawrence & Van Wart, watch	592.90
Farrington & White Do	592.90

Goodheart & Hays, watch	760.55
Whitehead Fish, treas^{r} 1 Q^{r}	125.
J. DelaMontagnie Special Jus^{e} 1 Q^{r}	250.
James Warner D^{o} D^{o}	250.
B. O. Blenis Clerk in Police office	250.
B. Skaats & Ass^{t} 1 Quarter	131.62
Elijah F. Pinkney clerk of election 8th ward	8.
Stephen Stephens 20 tax books	51.87
Evening Post 6 mo^{s} Subscription	37.50
R. Cunningham for Cash p^{d} J. Dunkley	31.
Daniel Nash. Sunday services	28.50
Thomas Freebairn D^{o}	19.50
N. Sanford interest on bond	140.
John Fine, repairing pumps	24.50
Burdett Stryker, boats at Brooklyn ferry	1341.
Walter Allen, bulkhead & drain Peck Slip	193.
William Stilwell &c Ass^{rs} on Front s^{t}	100.
Jacob P. Roome pay^{t} of workmen	500.

[270] In Common Council May 31st 1811

Present His Honour DeWitt Clinton Esq^{r} President

Peter Mesier Thomas Carpenter Rich^{d} Cunningham William Hoghland Caleb Pell John Pell	Esq^{rs} Aldermen	Sam^{l} Jones Jun^{r} Peter Hawes Aug^{e} H. Lawrence John Morss William Welling W^{m} A. Hardenbrook Ab^{m} Van Gelder	Assistants

The Board having met agreeably to adjournment took up the consideration of the ordinance reported by the Committee for establishing a department for superintending & sweeping chimnies

A memorial of Adolph L. DeGrove to be appointed Superintendant for sweeping chimnies was read and laid on the table.

Upon reading the first clause of the intended ordinance, which was in the words following. " Be it, therefore, ordained by the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York &c that immediately after the passing of this ordinance, a discreet and proper person be appointed, who shall establish an office in some suitable part of the said city, and shall, at his own cost erect buildings sufficient for an office and for the accommodation of the persons to be employed as chimney sweeps a sufficient number of persons of colour between the age of nine and eighteen to be selected from among such as are now usually employed, or from among the paupers in the Alms House of the said city, or in case, such cannot in the first instance, be found, then from among others to be maintained [271] and supported by him"

The question having been taken & a division being called, it passed in the negative in the manner following

Negative	Affirmative
Alderman Cunningham	Alderman Hoghland
J Pell	Mesier
Mr Jones	C. Pell
Mr Morss	Mr Hawes
Mr Welling	Mr Lawrence 5
Mr Hardenbrook	
Mr Van Gelder 7	

Mr Lawrence then gave notice, that he would move a reconsideration of the vote at the next meeting of the Board.

A petition of sundry inhabitants for an alteration of the Sunday Law, so as to permit grocers to sell until 8 o'clock on Sundays was read & referred to Mr Jones Mr Hardenbrook Mr Lawrence

Mr Hawes called up the consideration of the resolution respecting a pier at the Fly Market, which he presented at the last meeting when the following resolution was agreed to*

The Committee hereafter named were instructed to treat with the fishermen using said market, as to the compensation to be paid by them for the use of said pier—The Committee appointed were Mr Hawes, Alderman Hoghland [&] Mr Lawrence

[272] Leave was given to Hugh M'Intyre for a vault in Walker Street, under the direction of the Alderman and Assistant of the 5th ward & the Street Commissioner upon the usual terms.

Mr Jones presented an ordinance respecting the deposit of manure, which was referred to the City Inspector

Ordered, that the Clerk of the Common Council publish "the law respecting the Flying of Kites in the Streets" & cause the same to be inforced

A petition for lamps to be placed in Hester Street between Broadway and Rynder Street was referred to the Lamp Committee

A request was received from the Board of Health, that the sum of $500 be advanced to them. Whereupon resolved, that the Comptroller report a warrant for that sum, at the next meeting of the Board.

On motion resolved, that the Committee on opening Chamber Street, be instructed to call a meeting of the Lessees of ground held from this Board, upon which the houses were destroyed by the late fire. and that they treat with them for the surrender of their present leases (upon renewal of part or otherwise) for the purpose of making the lots as square as possible in conformity to the intended change of the streets, upon which they were situated.

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* Resolution not entered.—Ed.

On motion, resolved, that a committee be appointed to enquire and report whether any & what advantageous alterations may be made in William Street. The Committee appointed was Alderman Mesier Mr Lawrence Alderman Cunningham

Adjourned

[273] In Common Council June 3d 1811

Present His Honour DeWitt Clinton Esqr President

Peter Mesier
Thomas Carpenter
Richard Cunningham
William Hoghland
William Torrey
George Buckmaster
Caleb Pell
Nicholas Fish
John Pell
Esqrs Aldermen

Samuel Jones Junr
Peter Hawes
Auge H. Lawrence
Elisha W. King
John Morss
Wm A. Hardenbrook
Abraham Van Gelder
Es Assistants

The minutes of the last meeting were read as also those of the Special Meeting and approved

A recommendation of the Fire wardens of the Sixth ward for the appointment of Enos Hoyt as Fire Warden of said ward was read. Whereupon resolved, that Enos Hoyt be and he is hereby appointed firewarden of the said ward

A petition of Richard V. W. Thorne & Co was received, stating that with the permission of Mr Smith, the Lessee of Public wharves, they had stored a machine for pressing on the wharf near the Battery & had paid him the wharfage; that they found it was advertised for sale by the Street Commissioner as incumbering the wharf, if not removed, & they prayed relief from the Board. Whereupon ordered, that the Alderman and Assistant of the 1st ward report a state of facts

Petitions were received for digging out & regulating Lombardy Street from Clinton Street to Corlaers Hook, for paving & regulating Pump St from Mulberry to Orange Street, a remonstrance [274] against repaving James Street and a petition for regulating Lawrence Street from Spring to Houston Street, which were referred to the Street Commissioner

A petition of Susan Corlis was received stating, that she is Lessee of a Lot in Mott Street, which has been assessed for regulating the same $26; that she is in indigent circumstances and unable to pay it and praying relief. Ordered, that the same be referred to the Committee of Charity

*A petition of George Menial was read, stating, that on the fire on the 19th ultimo, his house was pulled down by order of the magistrates to prevent the spreading of the conflagration, that he is old and infirm and praying reimbursement. A petition of sundry lessees of the Corporation was also presented, stating, that at the late fire, the houses erected on their lots were consumed & praying the remission of one year's rent—A petition of Michael Cashman also a lessee of the Corporation, stating, that the house on his lot was destroyed at the late fire, that he understood, that the Corporation were about directing the houses, which were in future to be built on said lots should be set back some feet from their original situation & praying, that he might be permitted to build on his old foundation, as his lot was a very shallow one. Whereupon resolved, that the said several letters be referred to the Committee on opening Chamber Street viz Mr Jones Alderman Torrey Alderman Hoghland

A petition of Victor Moreau Vice President of the Trustees of the Economical School in this city was read, stating, that they possessed a lot under lease from [275] the Corporation in Augustus Street, on which they were about erecting a School house: that they have understood, that the said lot will be resigned for a street. They therefore solicited the grant of another lot for the purposes aforesaid. On motion that the same be referred to a Special committee, a division having been called, it passed in the Negative, in the manner following

Negative	Affirmative
Alderman Carpenter	Alderman Mesier
Torrey	Cunningham
C. Pell	Buckmaster
J. Pell	Fish
Mr Hawes	Mr Jones
Mr King	Mr Lawrence
Mr Morss	Mr Van Gelder 7.
Mr Hardenbrook 8	

Whereupon ordered, that the same lay on the table

A petition was received from the Butchers in the Otswego market, stating that they understand said market is to be removed and praying,

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* Marginal note reads *See page 359.*—ED.

that stands in the New Market about to be erected may be assigned to them equally advantageous in point of situation with those they now occupy.

A petition from the Butchers of Hudson Market was received stating, that understanding a market was to be erected below them, praying, that they may have stands assigned to them in that market & that the Butchers from the Oswego Market may be assigned their present stands

A petition of Ernest Keyser and of Blaze Ten Brook for stands in the Hudson Market was also read. Whereupon ordered, that the above petitions be referred to the Market Committee

[276] A petition of Martin Myers & Jacob Lawrence to be employed as carmen at the new buildings at Bellevue were read & referred to the Bellevue Committee

A remonstrance against the alteration prayed for by a late petition in the Sunday law was read & referred to the Committee on the former petition viz M^r^ Jones M^r^ Hardenbrook M^r^ Lawrence

A petition of Philip Rhinelander was read, stating, that in October 1806, ground belonging to the estate of Frederick Rhinelander situate at the corner of Greenwich & Jay Streets & of Washington & Jay Streets was taken for public purposes by a precept issued by the Attorney of the Board & valued by the Jury at $5500; that the Street Commissioner M^r^ Hunn informed the petitioner, that it was not convenient to the Board then to pay the same; but that it would be hereafter paid with interest; that the petitioner is desirous of having the same settled and therefore prayed payment. Whereupon ordered, that the same be referred to the Comptroller & Street Commissioner

Leave was given to Rufus King Esq^r^ to build five vaults in North Moore Street, in front of his lots on the corner of said Street & Varick Street, under the direction of the Alderman & Assistant of the ward & the Street Commissioner & upon the usual terms.

A petition from Fire Engine Company N° 31 praying for a larger engine house was read & referred to the Committee on the fire department

A Recommendation of the Fire Wardens of the 4th ward, that Peter M'Carty be appointed a fire *ward* [277] warden in the place of Samuel M. Thompson removed from the ward was read & laid on the table

A petition of the Building Committee of Tammany Society praying permission to shut up Nassau Street for a few days, while constructing the vault in front of their building was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the ward with authority to grant permission, if in their opinion proper

The Street Committee on the petition for opening Hudson Street into the Eighth Avenue and for opening the Eighth Avenue presented the following report

" The Committee on Streets, to whom was referred the petition of John H. Randolph & others praying, that Hudson Street might be opened Northerly so as to meet the Eighth Avenue &c beg leave to report, that, in their opinion, the prayer of the petition ought to be granted: And the said Committee together with the Street Commissioner, who had in charge a resolution, directing them to examine & report whether the Eighth or Ninth Avenue shall be opened without farther delay, beg leave to report, that they have performed the duties assigned them & have carefully compared the two avenues specified & find, that the opening of the Eighth avenue is entitled to the preference, as being far less expensive to make & better suited to the present convenience of the inhabitants more immediately interested

E. W. King
(signed) George Buckmaster
Richard Cunningham

Ordered, that the said report be agreed to & the Street Commissioner was directed to carry the same into effect

The Street Committee and the Street *Com* [278] Commissioner presented an ordinance for opening Washington Street from Hubert Street to the State Prison, which was passed & directed to be carried into effect under their direction

The following persons were appointed firemen, the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies

Fire Engine Company N° 18

Thomas Webster, grocer, Vandewater Street 4th ward v. Benjamin Demilt gone to Europe

Fire Company N° 26

William Nichols, Shipwright Lombardy St 7th ward v. Solomon Wheeler resigned.

The City Inspector, to whom it was referred to consider and report the ordinance proposed to regulate the deposit of Manure reported, " that the intended ordinance extends the line, within which manure may be deposited, considerably beyond the limits of the ordinance now in force, passed 25th June 1810

By the existing ordinance, the limits are thus described viz^t that no manure should be deposited except under the direction of the Superintendants of Streets or one of them and for public uses Southward of a line, beginning at the Hudson River & running from thence through Hazard Street to Hancock Street; from thence to and along Prince Street to the Bowery Road & from thence to and along Stanton Street to the East River

The contemplated ordinance proposes, that the line should commence from the Hudson's river in a line with Hammond Street; thence extending through Hammond Street to Greenwich Lane; thence through Greenwich Lane and Art Street to the Bowery Lane; thence through the Bowery Lane to North Street: thence through North Street to Attorney Street: thence through Attorney Street to Rivington Street; thence through Rivington Street to the East river.

[279] At the time the ordinance now in existence was drawn, the committee, to whom the subject was then submitted were of opinion, that the line was extended as far as was necessary; but owing to the very rapid increase of buildings in the outskirts of the city, the City Inspector is of opinion, that it now would be proper to extend it farther

The 3d section of the new or contemplated ordinance makes it the duty of the Superintendants of Streets to remove and appropriate to public use all manure deposited at any place to the Southward of the line therein prescribed or that may remain deposited or heaped from and after the tenth day of June next, and if any Superintendant of Streets shall refuse or neglect to remove and carry away such manure so deposited or heaped as aforesaid, he shall forfeit and pay for each neglect the sum of twenty five dollars

The City Inspector, upon taking the whole of the subject into consideration is of opinion, that, however the Board may think proper to decide respecting the line, it would be proper to adopt the third section of the intended ordinance, as many people, who may be annoyed by manure being deposited too near their houses either do not know where to enter their complaints or are unwilling to complain. He, however, respectfully submits, that, in his opinion, if the ordinance should be passed, the 10th of June would be too short a period for the removal of the manure, and that it would be better, perhaps, instead of the 10th to substitute the 20th

(signed) J. Morton City Inspector

which report was agreed to and the ordinance passed in the words following

[280] A Law to prevent nuisances

1st Be it ordained by the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York in Common Council convened, That it shall not be lawful for any cartman or other person whatsoever, except under the direction of the Superintendant of Streets and for public uses to deposit or heap manure at any place Southward of a line beginning on Hudson's river in a line with Hammond Street; thence extending through Hammond Street to Greenwich Lane; thence through Greenwich Lane & *and* Art Street to the Bowery Lane; thence through Bowery Lane to North Street; thence through North Street to Attorney Street; thence through Attorney Street to Rivington Street, thence through Rivington Street to the East River, under the penalty of twenty five dollars for each offence, and the further penalty of one dollar for every twenty four hours, in which the same shall so remain deposited or heaped, except for the purpose of cultivating the ground, on which the same shall be laid

2d And be it further ordained, that all manure, except the public manure, now deposited or heaped at any place to the Southward of the line above before mentioned shall be removed to the Northward of the said line, by the owner or owners thereof, on or before the twentieth day of June instant, under the penalty of twenty five dollars for each default, and under the further penalty of one dollar for every twenty four hours, in which the same shall so remain unmoved

3d And be it further ordained, That it shall be the duty of the Superintendants of Streets to remove, take, carry away, and appropriate for the public use, all manure deposited or heaped at any place [281] *place* by any person or persons whatsoever, at any place to the Southward of the Said line, or that may remain deposited or heaped from and after the twentieth day of June inst and that if the Superintendant of Streets shall refuse or neglect to remove and carry away such manure so found deposited or heaped as aforesaid, he shall forfeit and pay, for each neglect the sum of twenty five dollars"

The Committee, to whom the several petitions on the subject of manure was referred, presented a report, which was referred to the

City Inspector with directions to draft and report an ordinance on the subject

The Steam ferry boat committee presented a report, which was agreed to and the Street Commissioner was directed to carry the same into effect under their direction. The Committee were also authorised to appoint an arbitrator on the part of this Board.

The City Inspector presented ordinances for correcting sundry nuisances from N° 7550 to N° 7660 inclusive, which were passed

The Committee, to whom the petition of John Holdron was referred, reported, that from having been the negociators on the part of the B^d with the Steam Ferry Boat Committee, mentioned in the petition, they firmly believe that the circumstances as stated by the petitioner are strictly true and that he is justly entitled to some relief

They, therefore, recommend, that this board relinquish to the petitioner what is due from the 1st of February last to the first of May last, being the time, which, for public accommodation, he continued running the ferry after the expiration of this lease.

[282] All which is respectfully submitted

Peter Mesier
(signed) Peter Hawes
Thomas Carpenter

The City Inspector and the Superintendant of repairs, to whom had been referred the account of John Brown for emptying the Bridewell sink reported, that they considered the charge as reasonable, considering the size of the sink. Whereupon ordered, that the Comptroller report a warrant for payment of the same.

The Comptroller, on the account of G. DeBow presented the following report

The enclosed account of G. DeBow for six fire buckets furnished the Bridewell by order of the keeper, having been delivered to the Subscriber, he declines auditing it for the following reasons

By the Sixth Section of the law for the regulation and government of the Alms House, the purveyor is to make all purchases for the use of the Alms House & Bridewell & by the 7th section, the clerk is to keep a clear & distinct account of all monies expended for the use of the Alms House and Bridewell, distinguishing the same &c. It appears by this, that all demands against the Alms House & Bridewell are to be paid from the monies advanced to the Superintendant of the Alms House and the accounts kept distinct on its books

The keepers of the Bridewell & Jail have been informed some time since of the irregularity of purchases or repairs in the present mode, and as it is manifestly proper, in order to preserve uniformity in the system of finance [283] that the Board should discountenance any innovation, it is respectfully recommended, that this account should be paid at the Alms House, in order that it may be chargeable to the Bridewell establishment

(signed) G. N. Bleeker
Comptroller

Whereupon resolved, that the said report be agreed to and that the Commissioners of the Alms House be directed to pay the same

The Committee, to whom was referred the petition of Leonard Fisher, praying to be released from part of the assessment for opening Collect Street, reported, That they had carefully examined the assessment list for opening the said street, and upon a fair calculation of the whole, they are of opinion, that not only the lots of the petitioners; but likewise all the other lots on said streets, between Magazine & Anthony St^{s} including also two lots belonging to Cornelius J. Bogert, fronting on Magazine Street are assessed about one third too high, and that the lands lying on both sides of Collect Street, between Anthony & Sugar Loaf Street, belonging to this Corporation are assessed in the same proportion too low: And the Committee recommend, that the said assessment stand confirmed & that the Corporation assume the payment of that proportion of the said assessment on the lots above mentioned. With respect to the other part of the matter referred, viz Whether the petitioner has incroached upon the public lands, the Committee have not been able to obtain a sufficient knowledge of the facts to enable them to give any opinion concerning it; but as far as they have *dis* [284] discovered, they conceive it will involve quesions of law and in that respect a fit subject to be referred to Counsel. The Committee therefore beg to be excused from the further consideration of it

The compensation to M^{r} Bogart under this report is to be in lieu of the sum heretofore reported by the former committee on this subject as proper to be allowed to him

S. Jones Jun^{r}
E. W. King
William Hoghland

Which report was agreed to

The Comptroller presented an account of H. A & J G. Coster for interest on a bond of this corporation given to Leonard Lispenard for ground taken for Canal Street. The Comptroller accompanied the same with a comprehensive account of the situation of the Canal Street Bonds & requesting the opinion & direction of the Board on the subject. Whereupon ordered that the same be referred to the former committee on those bonds viz Messieurs Lawrence, Morss, King and the Comptroller

The Street Commissioner on the petition of Henry Jackson reported, That by the deed to Henry Jackson from Henry Post, it appears, that Mr Jackson is to receive the balance of the award after deducting the assessment, which, in the opinion of the Street Commissioner ought to be paid with interest to be calculated thereon three months after the award was confirmed. He is, therefore, of opinion, that the Comptroller should be directed to report a warrant accordingly at the next meeting of the Board.

Award 23d July 1805, the interest to be calculated from the 23d October 1805 to the 12th June 1811

[285] Award	$62.50
Assesst deducted	32.77
	29.73
Interest	11.73½
Warrant to issue for	41.46½

which report was agreed to and the Comptroller directed to issue a warrant accordingly

The Street Commissioner on the petition of James Kelly for payment of money due to him for paving Mott Street, reported, "that there remains unpaid the sum of $\$464\,{}^{58}/_{100}$ a small part of which has been paid into the Treasury & part is assessed on vacant lots, which are now or are about to be advertised to be sold for the payment of the assessment.

As Mr Kelly is a poor man & unable to wait until the assessment is finally closed, the Street Commissioner would suggest the propriety of directing the Comptroller to report a warrant for the amount of the above sum at the next meeting of the Board. Which report was agreed to and the Comptroller directed to report a warrant accordingly.

The Street Commissioner presented an ordinance for continuing South Street from Beekman's Slip to Stevens's wharf, which was passed.

Ordered, that the Street Commissioner cause the side walks in Chatham Street to be cleared from the rubbish occasioned by the late fire

Resolved, that the Committee on the sale of the Lots at Peck Slip be authorised to take the opinion of Counsel learned in the law upon the said subject.

The Committee on applications reported in favour of the petition of David D. Crane, which [286] was agreed to and he was accordingly appointed a weigher of the City

On motion of Mr Hawes, resolved, that the Comptroller report a warrant for $250 in favour of Roswell Graves Assistant to the Street Commissioner for his past services and that the sum of fifty cents per day be added to his salary in future.

Mr Hawes presented the following. Resolved that William J. Waldron be discharged from the office of Collector for the Corporation. On the question of agreeing to the same a division having been called it was carried in the affirmative as follows

Affirmative	Negative
Alderman Mesier	Alderman Hoghland
Carpenter	Torrey
Cunningham	Buckmaster
Fish	C. Pell
Mr Jones	J. Pell
Mr Hawes	Mr Morss
Mr Lawrence	Mr Van Gelder 7
Mr King	
Mr Hardenbrook 9	

Whereupon resolved, that William J. Waldron immediately account with the Comptroller for monies received by him on account of this Board, & pay the same into the Treasury and that he also deliver over to the Comptroller all books, papers and accounts belonging to the Common Council in his possession

Resolved, that in future, the person appointed Collector to the Corporation shall before he enter upon the duties of his office give bond with sufficient security in the sum of $5000 for the faithful performance of his duty and shall also once a fortnight [287] account with the Comptroller for monies, which he shall receive and immediately pay the same into the Treasury.

The Board then proceeded to ballot for a Collector, when Peter Aymar was chosen

It having been represented, that John Jackson had taken into his possession a lot of ground belonging to this Board, situate at Brooklyn. Whereupon ordered, that the ferry Committee make enquiry into the same & report thereon to the Board.

Resolved, that the Bellevue Committee be requested to direct Mr Randell to run out the lines of the Second & Third Avenues and also such of the Cross Streets, as they shall deem necessary for the convenience of the Public buildings about to be erected at Bellevue

Resolved, that a General Superintending Committee be appointed, whose duty it shall be, from time to time to direct & instruct Mr Randell in running out the lines & fixing the monuments of the several streets on the island agreeably to the map of the Commissioners of Street and roads. The Committee appointed was Alderman Mesier, Fish, Hoghland Mr Jones Mr Hardenbrook.

The Committee on the petition of the Building Committee of Tammany Society reported verbally, that it was inexpedient for the Common Council to grant the prayer of their petition, which report was agreed to.

[288] The Comptroller reported Cash in the treasury	$17942.74
Warrants not presented	483.
	17,459.74

Whereupon his Honour the Mayor was requested to issue his warrants for payment of the following sums

James Hardie Asst City Inspr 1 mo	62.50	
Andw Otterson Do Do	54.	
R. Graves Asst Stt Commr 1 mo	54.	
Mott Hicks Do 1 mo	54.	
Adrian B. Holmes Do 1 mo	54.	
Wm P. Roome Keeper of Pottersfield 1 Do	31.	
Richd Buchan list of passengers to 1st May	25.	
Stilwell & Bebee repairing pumps	101.96	
John Jay award for ground in Stone St	920.	
Heirs of Robt B. Norton Do Do	372.	
" of E. Boudinott Do Do	236.	
" of J Rogers Do Front St	520.	
David Smith Do Do Do	400.	
Lewis Moore Do Do Do	70.	
Chas Mooney bale on paving Harison St	91.	
Thos & George Lovett regg Stanton St	220.	
Wm Kay repairing intersections	48.77	
Danl Woolsey repairing Dock Partition Street between Richard Varick & Corporation	760.50	
John Johnson, bolts & spikes for Do	206.68	
Chas Dickinson Treasr board of health	500.	
Richd Furman Supt of Alms house	4000.	
John H. Sickles Treasr New City Hall	4000.	
		12981.41
Balance in the treasury		4478.33

[289] In Common Council June 10th 1811

Present DeWitt Clinton Esqr Mayor President

Peter Mesier Thomas Carpenter Charles Dickinson William Hoghland William Torrey George Buckmaster Caleb Pell Nicholas Fish John Pell	Esqrs Aldermen	Samuel Jones junr Peter Hawes Auge H. Lawrence E. W. King Isaac S. Douglass Michael M. Titus Wm A. Hardenbrook Abm Van Gelder John Morss	Esqrs Assistants

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A petition to regulate Harman Street from Clinton Street to the intersections of Greene Street was read & referred to the Street Commissioner

A petition to dig out and regulate Sullivan Street by the respective owners from Prince to Houston Street; and a petition to fill up Rynder Street as far as Canal Street and to have the walks paved on the West side from Grand to Hester Street were read and referred to the Street Commissioner

A petition of Jannet Montgomery was read, stating, that she had been repeatedly assessed for improv[em]ents in a street, on which the lots belonging to her lie; that the work has been of no service; that she is again called on for another assessment. She therefore prayed, that the Common Council would take the whole of the property & repay her the sums she has advanced or devise measures, which will *se* *[300] secure the property. Ordered, that the same be referred to the Comptroller & Street Commissioner

A further petition of John Edwards to repeal the law prohibiting preaching in the park was referred to the City Inspector.

A petition of Thomas Grinell was read, stating that himself and a sister now eleven years of age are owners of lots No 851, 852 & 853 near the corner of Stanton & Third Streets, upon which an assessment is due; that both being minors they have been unable to make arrangement for payment of said assessment & praying an extension of the time of payment until he shall arrive of age, which will be in about three months, which request was granted

A petition of Abraham Child stating that interest had been claimed from him on an assessment laid four years since, but payment of which had never till now been demanded & praying relief from said claim of interest was read & referred to the Street Commissioner

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* Clerk's error in numbering.—ED.

A petition from John B. Church complaining, that John Disbrow the owner of a lot occupied by him had neglected to comply with an ordinance of the Board directing the pavement of an alley adjoining said lot & praying the Board to cause the same to be paved. the expense to remain a lien on said lot and a petition from John Disbrow stating the above ordinance & that as the Street (Stapple Street) into which the said alley runs has never been regulated, his paving the said alley would be useless & praying that said Staple Street may be regulated and paved was ordered to be referred to the Street Commissioner, and City Inspector

A petition of B Strong for leave to build [301] a vault in Sugar Loaf Street fronting his lot was granted under the direction of the Alderman and Assistant of the ward and Street Commissioner upon the usual terms

It was also resolved, that the Street Commissioner be directed to report an ordinance regulating the digging of vaults and also his opinion of the propriety of making the priviledge of sinking vaults a source of revenue & to what extent

A petition from sundry inhabitants of the Shores of the Bowery, praying that the law preventing of swimming at improper times & places may be extended to the North side of Bellevue on the East River was read & referred to the City Inspector.

A petition of David Griffin as assignee of Patrick M'Donough Contractor for filling up Varick Street from North Moore to Provoost Streets praying payment of a balance still due on the same was referred to the Street Commissioner

A petition of John Dennis to be appointed a measurer was read & referred to the Committee on applications

A petition of certain holders of Canal Street bonds, praying payment of the same was read & referred to the former committee on that subject viz M^{r} Lawrence M^{r} Morss M^{r} King & the Comptroller

A remonstrance of the inhabitants of the village of Greenwich on the subject of the removal of the watchmen from that place was read and referred to the Watch Committee

[302] A petition of Benjamin Davis for a stand in Hudson market was read & referred to the Market Committee

A letter from the Select men of the town of Newbury Port in the State of Massachusetts praying relief to the sufferers in the said town by a late extensively desolating fire was read & referred to the Committee of Charity

A petition of Fire Engine Company N° 28 for a New Engine and of fire Engine Company N° 30 for an additional number of men were read & referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

A petition from the inhabitants of Cross S^t^ praying, that the houses in said street may be numbered was referred to the Superintendant of repairs

Depositions on the subject of M^r^ Strongs complaint against Jabez Pell sealer of weights and measures, stating, that the weights sold & delivered by said Pell to Strong were correct, were read & referred to the former Committee viz the Market Committee

The following persons were appointed firemen, the chief Engineer certifying the corresponding vacancies

Floating Engine

John Bogart Boat builder 95 Mott Street 6th ward, v. John Baptist resigned

Fire Engine Company N° 4

Joseph V. Varick N° 26 John Street 2d ward v. John Wayman resigned.

Fire Engine Company N° 7

John W. Fox Morocco dresser N° 15 *Skinerer* [Skinner] Street, 4th ward v. James Norris resigned

Fire Engine Company N° 8.

[303] John Webbers Morocco dresser N° 50 Augustus Street 6th ward v. James Ferguson resigned

Isaac Kipp physician 83 Chatham Street v. Colin Simmons resigned

Fire Engine Company N° 21

John H. Goodman accountant Corner of Cliff & John Street Second ward v. Libbæus Chapman in the artillery

Fire Engine Company N° 17

Rufus Suly shoemaker N° 88 James Street 4th ward v. Rob^t^ Brown resigned.

David Morrison Plumber N° 55 Oak Street 4th ward v. William Ball resigned

Andrew Riker boat builder N° 30 Roosevelt Street v. James Patton expelled.

N° 24

John Gardner William Street 4th ward v. Thomas Bonnett resigned.

N° 27

Robert Dean labourer Bayard Street 6th ward v. Abraham S. Bogart resigned.

N° 31

John Bell, merchant N° 1 Anthony Street 5th ward v. Jeremiah Sprouls resigned.

Cornelius M'Lean Carpenter Chappel Street 5th ward v. Isaac Samo left the city

John Bloomsfield Carpenter N° 183 Church Street 5th ward v. John Stratton resigned

N° 36

Lewis E. Brown Grocer, Spring Street Eighth ward v. Benjamin C. Stevenson resigned

A petition of James Reynolds stating, that he was about to remove a Frame House from Mott Street to the Bowery & praying permission, that the same may remain in the Street for a few days was referred to the [304] Alderman and assistant of the ward and the Street Commissioner with authority to grant the prayer of the petition, if in their opinion proper

A petition of Michael Kenny praying remission of a penalty in not cleaning the yard of his house in pursuance of an ordinance, he having now complied with the same was read & referred to the Attorney of the Board.

The Committee of Charity on the petition of John Stage reported, that they had taken the same into consideration and were of opinion, that the petitioner should be allowed the sum of $40 as a donation, which was agreed to and the Comptroller was directed to report a warrant for the same

The same committee on the petition of Susannah Corlis reported, that the prayer of the petition ought not to be granted; but recommended, that the petitioner be allowed twelve months to pay the assessment, which was confirmed

The ordinance for paving Delancey Street from Lewis to Goerck Street passed 27th May last was called up & Ezekiel Bishop, Solomon Wheeler, Robert Coles, Abraham Hart, and Stephen Kingsland were appointed assessors.

The Street Commissioner on the petition for paving Pump Street presented an ordinance for paving & regulating the same from Mulberry to Orange Street, which was passed. The Assessors named were laid over

The Street Commissioner presented the assessments for paving Bridge Street, repaving Stone Street & repaving Dover Street, which were confirmed and Morris DeCamp was appointed collector on the two former and Noah Jarvis on the latter

The Street Commissioner on the petition of certain [305] persons against repaving James Street reported in the following words

"The Street Commissioner, to whom was referred the remonstrance against repaving James S^t praying, that it may be deferred another year, begs leave to report, that although the Street is greatly out of order, yet as the remonstrance is signed by so large and respectable a number of the proprietors, and as none can suffer more from the bad state of the pavement than those, who reside in houses fronting on the said street and as they propose making some little repairs for the present, he is, therefore, of opinion, that it would be the most advisable, under the present circumstances, to suspend the repaving of James Street, until the first of May next

(signed) Samuel Stilwell S^t Com

which report was agreed to

The Street Commissioner presented the following on the subject of Curb Stones

"The Street Commissioner begs leave to mention, that Stone cutters and pavers experience considerable inconvenience in complying with the law respecting the length of curb stone, as they are not permitted, as the law now stands, to put in any stone of less than three feet in length The Inspector is, therefore, frequently under the necessity of condemning some of the best stone delivered on the ground to the injury of all the parties concerned; because they are a little short of the length the law requires

The Street Commissioner, therefore, begs leave to suggest the propriety of altering the law so as to read not less than two feet six inches in length

(signed) Samuel Stilwell S^t Com

Which report was agreed to

[306] The Street Commissioner on the petition of Philip Rhinelander reported, which was agreed to and the Street Commissioner was directed to report an ordinance accordingly

The Committee on the subject of opening Chamber Street reported, that they deem it inexpedient to extend the same beyond Chatham Street & recommend, that the same be opened to said Chatham Street and no farther

(signed) S. Jones Junr
William Torrey

which report was agreed to

On motion, the petition of Michael Cashman & a verbal application made this evening on behalf of Mr Townsend to be permitted to advance the front of his building upon Street were referred to the Street Commissioner with authority to grant the prayers of the said petitioners, if he should deem it adviseable.

It having been represented, that Mr Shute had taken into his possession one of the lots at Inclenbergh belonging to the Corporation, the Committee upon the Inclenburgh Lots were instructed to make enquiry into the same & report thereon to the Board

The Comptroller having been directed to report a warrant in payment of the account of John Brown suggested to the Board the propriety of directing the payment of said account to be made by the Superintendant of the Alms House to be charged by him against the Bridewell, which was approved

Resolved, that the Law respecting Dogs be so amended as that all dogs be permitted to go at large out of the Lamp District, Provided [307] their owners shall have paid the tax imposed by said law upon them and provided said dogs shall have affixed round their necks a metal collar, upon which the name of their respective owners & his place of residence shall be distinctly engraved or marked

Ordered, that the Clerk of the Board return to Mr Boyreau his memorial and other papers presented by him to the Common Council

A resolution respecting the putting in of thirty thousand loads of earth into the Collect was presented by Alderman Torrey, & referred to the Street Commissioner with directions to report thereon at next meeting

Resolved, that the Street Commissioner be directed to report a plan of piers for the accommodation of the Steam Ferry Boats at Paulus hook with an estimate of the probable expense of the same

Resolved, that the Bellevue Committee be authorised to use the huts erected on those grounds for work shops or in any other way they shall judge advisable

On a representation of Mr Lawrence, that he had a subject to communicate, which in his opinion, should be made confidentially, the room was cleared and the doors closed.

The following resolution was proposed and agreed to

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[309] In Common Council June 17th 1811

Present DeWitt Clinton Esqr Mayor President.

Peter Mesier
Thomas Carpenter
Richard Cunningham
William Hoghland
William Torrey
George Buckmaster
Caleb Pell
Nicholas Fish
John Pell
Esqrs Aldermen

Samuel Jones junr
Peter Hawes
Elisha W. King
John Morss
Michael M. Titus
Wm A. Hardenbrook
Abraham Van Gelder
Esqrs Assistants

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved

Petitions were received from Stephen Smack for a stall in one of the markets, from John Harmony for stand in Hudson Market; from George Smith to be sweeper of the Hudson & Duane Markets; from Whitehead Cornell to be permitted to dispose of his Stall in the Fly Market & from Catharine Healy for a huckster's stand in the Hudson market, which were severally read and referred to the Market Committee

A petition of Joseph Seely was received stating, that he was the proprietor of several lots on the Bowery near the two mile stone, which according to the map of the Commissioners will be taken for streets & praying that the Board will immediately take some order on the premises. Whereupon ordered, that the same be referred to a former committee on the petition of N. Jennings viz Alderman Torrey Mr King & Mr Jones

A petition of the inhabitants of the 9th and 10th wards for a pump at the corner of Fourth & Division Sts [310] was read & referred to the Aldermen and Assistants of said wards and the Superintendant of repairs, with authority to grant on the usual terms

A petition from James Seaman to be appointed inspector of manure, petitions from John G. Graham for an office, from Dr J J DeYong to be appointed physician to the Alms House and from James H Ward for appointment as a measurer of Charcoal were read & referred to the Committee on applications

A petition of John D. Brown to be appointed Clerk of the Alms House, building at Bellevue was read & referred to the Bellevue Committee

A petition of Frances Gallagher praying that the collection of an assessment on her husband Benjamin *Callaghan* [Gallagher] deceased for opening Cross Street might be transferred till the court of Chancery should direct a sale of her husbands estate for the discharge of incumbrances on it & a remonstrance of Philip J Arcularius against repaving Pearl (late Magazine) Street, the same having been paved at considerable expense a few years since were severally read and referred to the Street Commissioner

A request of M^r Taylor to shut up Courtlandt Street for two days, while constructing a vault in said street was read & referred to the Aldermen & Assistant of the Third ward & the Street Commissioner with directions also to them to enquire whether the petitioner has not encroached upon the privilege granted to him in the size of the vault

A further petition in behalf of Joshua Van Coit a minor for permission to drive a cart was read and referred to his Honour the Mayor [311] with authority to grant. It was also resolved that all similar applications be in future referred to the Mayor with like authority to grant a license, when he shall judge it proper

A Letter from Cornelius Ray & A L. Bleeker Loan officers of the City of New York on the subject of George B. Ewart's Mortgage was read & referred to M^r Hawes as Counsel on the part of this Board & to the Comptroller

An application was received from Charles Christian late special justice praying reimbursement of certain expenses incurred in a prosecution against him for an act done in the line of his duty as a Magistrate was referred* to the Attorney of the Board

The Street Commissioner and the City Inspector, to whom had been committed the petition of John Disbrow & John B. Church respecting Staple Street reported, "that Staple Street being only about twenty feet wide does not come within the description of streets, the cession of which is accepted by the Corporation. Of course, it never has been ceded. But as the street is stated to be a nuisance, it would perhaps be proper for the Common Council to direct the owners to pave it. An ordinance to that effect is respectfully submitted"

(signed) Samuel Stilwell
J. Morton

which report was agreed to and the ordinance reported was passed

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* Marginal note reads *See Page 351.*—ED.

The City Inspector reported, that the lower end of Liberty Street is in a state of nuisance owing to a quantity of stagnant water

It is believed, that the best mode of remedying this evil would be to construct a drain [312] or gutter from the intersection of Washington & Liberty Streets to the dock and as the length of this drain will only be the width of Liberty St the expense would be trivial

The City Inspector therefore respectfully begs leave to recommend, that the Superintendant of repairs be directed to cause a drain or gutter to be constructed as aforesaid, and that the expense thereof be charged to the owners of Lots on Liberty Street below Washington Street

(signed) J Morton C. I.

which report was agreed to & the Superintendant of repairs directed to construct the same

The City Inspector, to whom was referred the petition for extending the law prohibiting bathing at improper times and places reported in favour of granting the prayer of the petitioners, which was agreed to and thereupon it was resolved, that the law be so amended as that the line on the shore of the East river be extended to the North side of Bellevue

The City Inspector presented drafts of ordinances from N° 7751 to 7765 inclusive for the correction of sundry nuisances, which were passed

The following resolution of the Board of Health was read

" At a meeting of the Board of Health held June 13th 1811

On motion resolved, that application be made to the Common Council for liberty to use the name of the Mayor, Aldermen & Commonalty of the City of New York, in all prosecutions, which this board may deem it necessary to commence against those, who violate the laws and ordinances relative to the public health

Extract from the minutes

J. Morton Secretary

[313] Whereupon resolved, that the request of the Board of Health be granted

On motion, ordered, that the persons convicted of petit larcenies at the last court of general sessions held in & for the city & sentenced to confinement in the City prison be employed on the public works at Bellevue under the direction of the Bellevue Committee

John Brown, whose account had been referred to the Superintendant of the Alms House for payment returned the same with information, that the Superintendant had refused to pay the same. Ordered, that the same be referred back to the Superintendant of the Alms House, with directions to him to report the reason of his refusing payment

The Market Committee on the petition of Benjamin Davis reported, that in their opinion a stall, at the lower end of Hudson market should be granted to him which report was agreed to

An Account of J Knapp for contract for Gouverneur Street was read & referred to the Comptroller and Street Commissioner.

A petition of George Oil for remission of a penalty incurred by him for selling bread of not sufficient weight was read. Whereupon resolved, that said fine be remitted on payment of costs.

On the recommendation of the Fire wardens of the Sixth ward, Garrit B. Abeel was appointed a fire warden of said ward in place of Luke Kipp, who had removed from the ward.

A petition of Maria Quinn praying for a tavern licence gratis, she being poor & unable to pay for the same was read & granted

The Road Committee upon the petition of

[314] The Road Committee upon the petition of sundry inhabitants for a road from Harsinville to the Hudson river reported

" That the opening of a road from the village of Harsenville to the river would very materially promote the convenience of the inhabitants of the vicinity

" That the whole of the ground included in the road now contemplated is owned by two of the petitioners viz Jacob Harsin & William S Cock, who offer to give the land necessary for said road to the Corporation free of expense

" The Committee are therefore of opinion, that the cession of the ground for a public road be accepted and that the same be immediately thereafter opened accordingly

Nicholas Fish
(signed) John Pell
W^m^ A. Hardenbrook

which report was agreed to.

The Street Commissioner presented leases of two several lots to Jasper Ward situate on the East side of Mulberry Street and of one lot to William L. Simers situate on the West Side of Lawrence S^t^ which said lots had been sold at auction agreeably to the statute for non payment of certain assessments upon them. The said leases having been examined by Mr Hawes as Counsel were directed to be duly executed

The Comptroller also presented the following conveyances viz a lease to Charles Smith of the public docks & slips for the term of two years from the first day of May last, a lease to Theodosius Hunt & Lossee Van Nostrandt of the Fly Market ferry for the term of three years from the 1st of May last: A lease [315] to Richard Smith for Horne's Hook ferry for the term of six years from the 1st of May last; A lease to John Bolan for lot No 5 Magazine Street for 21 years from 1st May last; and a grant to George Clinton of land under water upon the Hudson river bounded Northerly by Warren Street & Southerly by Murray Street, which said leases and grants having been examined by Mr Hawes as Counsel were directed to be duly executed

The Street Commissioner made a communication to the Board on the subject of the accounts of Aaron & Noah Brown respecting the Bulkhead at the foot of Gouverneur Street, which communication was referred to the Committee on assessments

The ordinance for regulating & paving Pump Street passed on the 10th inst was called up & Ezekiel Bishop, Robert Coles, Abraham Hart, Solomon Wheeler & Stephen Kingsland were appointed assessors

The Street Commissioner on the petition for regulating Sullivan Street, reported, that in his opinion the petitioners should have permission to regulate the said street at their own expense, provided they compleat the same by the first day of October next, which report was agreed to.

The Street Commissioner, who was instructed to take measures for opening Chamber Street reported Whereupon resolved, that he take the legal steps for opening said street

The Street Commissioner on the petition of David Griffin reported, that there appeared on the Street Commissioner's books, that there was a balance of *of* $49 due to him & he recommended, that [316] *that* the Comptroller report a warrant for payment of the same, which was agreed to

The Street Commissioner on the petition of Abraham Child reported that he saw no difference between the case of the petitioner and other assessments, which are daily paid with interest. He, therefore, recommended that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition, which report was agreed to

The Street Commissioner reported, that he had surveyed the ground lately purchased of the heirs of Mr Kipp near Bellevue &

found it to contain six acres and 9961 feet, which at $3500 per acre is \$21800 $^{35\frac{1}{2}}/_{100}$. Ordered to be referred to the finance committee.

The Street Commissioner agreeably to the resolution of the Board presented an ordinance for assessing the expences of widening Jay Street, which was passed. The assessors named were laid over.

The Committee on the fire department upon the petition of Fire Engine Company N° 30 reported, That from the Chief Engineer's report it appears, that N° 30, the Engine to which the petitioners are attached, has now thirty two men, a complement fully equal to that of other engines of the same calibre, and that if they are active firemen, they are fully sufficient to work the Engine, in all ordinary cases of fires

The prayer of the petition, therefore, ought not, in the opin*in*ion of the Committee to be granted.

(signed) Peter Hawes
Wm A Hardenbrook

The same committee on the petition of N° 31 reported, that a sufficient space cannot be [317] obtained, on the scite of the present engine house to build a larger building and that the prayer of the petition ought not to be granted

(signed) Peter Hawes
William A. Hardenbrook

both of which reports were agreed to

The same committee agreeably to a resolution of the Board directing them to report what improvement may be made in said department reported, That the principal difficulty in extinguishing fires is to procure a sufficient supply of water, at an early period. In the central parts of the city, the pumps and cisterns, which are principally relied on are soon exhausted and before a line composed of engines & leaders can be formed to the rivers, the fires may & often do get to a great height

Your committee therefore recommend to the Board the following resolutions

1st Resolved, that two reservoirs of stone sufficient to contain two hundred hogsheads each be built & placed at or near each wing of the New City Hall to be supplied from the roof thereof: & that the water be used for no other purpose than the extinguishment of fires

2d Resolved, that it be recommended to the different religious societies in the city to cause to be built a reservoir for water, at or near their respective places of worship, to be supplied with water from their respective places of worship, and that the water be used only at fires

3d That a new supply engine be built under the direction of the Committee on the fire department

(signed) Peter Hawes
Wm A. Hardenbrook

[318] Whereupon resolved that the said several resolutions be agreed to

The following persons were appointed firemen, the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies

Fire Engine Company No 25

Solomon Griffin Mercht 46 Anthony Street 5th ward v. George Randall resigned

William O.'Hara mercht Corner Robinson & Greenwich Streets v. Ebenezer Nickerson resigned

John Bartow grocer, No 201 Greenwich Street 5th ward v. Jesse Seaman resigned

Samuel W. Jennings hatter No 284 Pearl Street 2d ward v. David S. Skaats resigned

A request of Thomas Egerton to lease a piece of vacant ground on Pearl (late Magazine) Street adjacent to the lot he occupies under the Corporation was read & referred to the Comptroller & Street Commissioner

The Committee on the Peck Slip Lots presented a report, the consideration of which was postponed

The Committee appointed on the subject of opening the Second & Third avenues reported to the Board the terms; upon which the proprietors of grounds &c in said avenues would relinquish the same, which was ordered to be filed. Whereupon resolved, that this Board disagree to the terms proposed by said owners & resolved, that legal measures be taken for opening said avenues, under the direction of the following committee viz Mr Jones Mr King & Mr Hawes

A petition for establishing certain persons as a fire company for fire Engine No 37 to be *sta* [319] stationed in the vicinity of Broome, Delancey, Rivington &c. Streets was read & referred to the Committee on the fire department

Ordered, that a warrant issue to William Hoghland Esqr for $100 for the plan of the Alms House at Bellevue agreeably to the proposal issued by the Committee

Permission was given to David Dunham to construct a vault in Broadway opposite his house under the direction of the Alderman & Assistant of the 1st ward & the Street Commissioner

Alderman Mesier stated, to the Board, that the Bulkhead of Coenties slip having required immediate repairs, he had in the recess of the Board directed the repairs to be made. Ordered, that the same be approved of.

Alderman Mesier further stated, that the Bulkhead at Old Slip needed some repairs. Whereupon the Superintendant of repairs was directed to cause the necessary repairs to be made.

The Superintendant of repairs was also directed to cause the Ferry Stairs at the Fly Market to be repaired.

On motion resolved, that an Additional inspector of manure be appointed. Whereupon the Board proceeded to the appointment of an inspector, when James Seaman was duly chosen

A petition of Patrick M'Kay on the subject of his lots at Inclenburgh stating that as the Corporation, in consequence of the proceedings of the Commissioners of Streets & roads cannot now open the streets, which agreeably to the terms of sale to him were to be opened through his grounds, he therefore prays, that the Corporation would reimburse him the Principal & interest [320] of the monies he has paid to them on those lots & that he would reconvey the lots to them. Ordered that the same be referred to the Committee on the petition of Mr Badouine viz Mr Hawes Mr Jones Mr King

The Street Commissioner reported verbally, that agreeably to the resolution of the Board, he had given Moses Townsend & Michael Cashman their line on Duane Street, agreeably to the original map and their leases

Which, on motion was approved

Mr Jones then moved, that Mr Cashman have leave to build a house upon the old foundation. Mr Hawes objected to the same as not being in order, the question having been already settled on the agreement with the report of the Street Commissioner upon the same subject. The president decided the same to be in order. An appeal from the Mayor's decision to the Board was made. Upon the question is the said motion in order, a division having been called, it passed in the negative in manner following

Negative		Affirmative	
Thomas Carpenter	Esqrs	Alderman Mesier	
Richard Cunningham		Buckmaster	
William Torrey		Caleb Pell	
Nicholas Fish		John Pell	
Peter Hawes		Mr Jones	
Michael M. Titus		Mr Morss	
Abraham Van Gelder		Mr Hardenbrook	7
William Hoghland	8		

Resolved, that the following be a committee for making the arrangements for the celebration of the ensuing 4th of July being the anniversary *of Ame* [321] of American Independence viz Mr King Mr Titus Alderman Mesier & The City Inspector

The Comptroller reported Cash in treasury	5850.92
Warrants not presented	2.37
	5848.55

Whereupon his Honour the Mayor was requested to issue warrants for payment of the following sums

Jacob P. Roome Supt of repairs, 1 qr	$158.	
Peter Hawes Esqr for Special leases for Steam boats & deeds from Messs Kip	65.	
Saml F Randolph room for Grand juries	36.	
John Stage, donation to purchase an horse ordered by board 10th inst	40.	
S. Stilwell, sundry expenses paid by him on acct Collect, Stationary, carriagehire for road committee &c	75.75	
Richard Symon 2 lost fire buckets	4.	
Isaac Fortune 1 Qrs rent watch house	23.94	
Snyder & Kimmell contract for blowing rocks, Bloomingdale road in Novr 1810	75.	
Bayley & Graham Acct paving Orchard St	450.	
Walter Allen repairs at Catharine st ferry Stairs	74.44	
M. Dikeman repairing pumps	103. 9	
John Fine Do	60.50	
Mathew Banks Do	53.60	
Richd Furman Supt of Alms House	2000.	
John H. Sickles Treas New City Hall	2000.	
		5219.32
Balance in the treasury		$629.23

[322] In Common Council June 24th 1811

Present DeWitt Clinton Esqr Mayor President

Peter Mesier
Thos Carpenter
Charles Dickinson
William Torrey
George Buckmaster
Esqrs Aldermen

Saml Jones junr
Peter Hawes
A. H. Lawrence
John Morss
Wm Welling
Abm Van Gelder
Esqrs Assistants

The minutes of the last meeting were read & approved

A petition of Fire Engine Company No 24 for an additional length of hose & for sundry repairs to the Engine; And a petition from Gideon Carstaing & others for establishing them as a Company to be attached to No 37. Ordered to be stationed in the vicinity of Broome, Delancey, Rivington, Arundle, Attorney, Ridge, Pitt & Stanton Streets together with a recommendation from Company No 30, to which the said Gideon Carstaing belonged, were read & referred to the Committee on the fire department.

A petition for a pump at the corner of Crosby Street & Broome Street & for a pump at the corner of Varick & Broome & for one at the corner of Broome & Clark Streets were read & granted under the direction of the Aldermen & Assistants of the respective wards and the Superintendant of repairs on the usual terms

Permission was given to James Johnston to erect a vault in front of his lot South side of Walker Street and to Mr Gunton for a vault in Elm Street, under the direction of the Aldermen [323] and Assistants of the respective wards and the Street Commissioner.

A petition of sundry carmen dealers in manure praying an extension of the time limited in the late ordinance respecting the removal of the same accompanied by a recommendation of a number of the inhabitants in the vicinity together with a representation of Waters Furman Superintendant of streets recommending the same were read.

Whereupon, resolved, that the time limited for the removal of manure in and by said ordinance be extended to the 10th day of July next.

A request of Messieurs Jenkins & Havens to be permitted to store three tons of hemp in a Store in Front Street was read & granted under the directions of the Fire wardens of the Fourth ward

A remonstrance of John Jacob Astor against the assessment upon Budd Street & praying to be exempted from interest charged upon the same & such other relief as the Corporation shall deem just in the premises was read. Whereupon Resolved, that the interest charged on the same be remitted and that his note payable with interest be taken in payment of the same

A remonstrance of Thomas Duggan against paving the West end of Hester Street and a request, that the assessment charged against him may be deducted from the bond due him by the Corporation was referred to the Street Commissioner

A remonstrance of certain owners of lots [324] in Laight Street against the assessment lately made for filling up said street was read & referred to the Street Commissioner

A Communication of John S. Hunn respecting the settlement of his account with the Board was read & referred to the Finance Committee with authority to them to settle the same

A petition of sundry inhabitants in Canal Street was read, stating, that several houses belonging to the Corporation are standing in said street, which are exceedingly inconvenient and injurious to the inhabitants and praying that they may be removed. Whereupon resolved, that the same be referred to the Committee on Streets, the Comptroller & Superintendant of repairs with directions to dispose of the same houses and to cause them to be removed

A petition of sundry inhabitants, praying, that the side walk on the Southerly side of Cherry Street, between Catharine and Charlotte Streets may be regulated & paved was read & referred to the Street Commissioner

A request was received from the Special Justices to be permitted to use the Watch room and the adjoining room of the New City Hall for the performance of their morning duties, which was granted

A memorial of J. Waterman & William Cairns, Trustees of the Estate of Ephraim Brasher deceased, praying the Common Council to take measures for establishing a straight line in Pearl Street near its junction with Cherry Street was read and referred to the Committee of Streets and the Street Commissioner

A memorial of sundry inhabitants [325] complaining of a tannery, which is establishing near Broadway on Canal & Hester Street was read and referred to the Board of Health with a request, that they would immediately act in the premises.

A petition of John Hubbard stating a demand, which his wife has against the estate of Pierce Jenkins, who died intestate was read & referred to the Chamberlain and attorney of the Board

A recommendation of Joseph Bourjeau First Marshal, that sixty staves of office for the Marshals should be procured, for the safe keeping of which, he would be responsible was read, and the Superintendant of repairs was directed to furnish them

An account of Jacob Halsey for repairs at Jay Street Slip was read & referred to the Comptroller

A petition of Jacob Kerley to receive a tavern license gratis was referred to the Committee of Charity

The following persons were appointed firemen, the chief engineer certifying the vacancies

Fire Engine Company N° 11

William Brown Junr painter N° 53 Broad Street 1st ward v. Abraham A. Slover resigned

Hugh M'Ginnis Cooper N° 71 Pearl Street 1st ward v. James J Johnson resigned

Company N° 15

John Defurges painter N° 47 Robinson Street 5th ward v. Peter Barker resigned

William Sutliff Shoemaker N° 24 Norfolk Street 10th ward v. James Gillard resigned

[326] John Wright coppersmith N° 41 Lombardy Street 7th ward v. John Henegar deceased

Matheus Reed, Shoemaker N° 2 Catharine St 7th ward v. William Simpson resigned.

Mitchel Baxter, sail maker N° 11 Fayette St 4th ward v. William Peterson deceased

Fire Engine Company N° 22

Benjamin Bank Green [Grocer] Norfolk Street 7th ward v. John J. Gantz resigned

Company N° 24

Joseph Meeks Junr Cabinet maker Broad St 1st ward v. Robert G. Hardie resigned

Company N° 26

Samuel Weeks accountant N° 17 Catharine St 4th ward v. James Palmer resigned

Richard Carpenter, shipwright N° 104 Bedlow Street 7th ward v. Peter Peterson resigned.

Henry Brown Shipwright N° 238 Cherry Street 7th ward v. Benjamin Banks resigned

Robert Nicholson Nº 179 Hammond Street 7th ward v. Edward Theall resigned

The Market Committee on the petition of Charles Gillman & Blaze Ten Brook reported, that stalls be granted to them in the lower Hudson Market and the same Committee on the petition of John Somerindyck reported, that Stall Nº 5 Duane Market be granted to him, which reports were agreed to.

A petition of Eliza Glover to be permitted to regulate the street in front of her property on Lawrance & Prince Street was read and referred to the Street Commissioner

The Street Commissioner presented the assessment for paving Sugar Loaf Street & Rivington Street, which were confirmed and Noah *Jar* [327] Jarvis was appointed Collector in the former & Morris D. Camp Collector on the latter

The Street Commissioner presented an ordinance for repairing the drain in Water Street between the Old Slip and Gouverneur's Lane, which was passed, and the rule being dispensed with, John Nitchie Junior, Garret Storm, James W. Lent, Benjamin Stephens & Daniel Smith were appointed assessors

The Street Commissioner reported the assessment for opening Washington Street with the objections, which had been made to it by Ph: Rhinelander, which objections were referred* to the Street Commissioner

The Street Commissioner, to whom was referred the draft of John Knapp in favour of Robert Sutton for $350 reported, that there is but $306 $^{36}/_{100}$ due to Mr Knapp, which is for digging and regulating Gouverneur Street. He therefore would recommend, that the draft be not accepted and that the Comptroller be directed to report a warrant in favour of Mr John Knap for $306 $^{36}/_{100}$, at the next meeting of the board

(signed) Samuel Stilwell

Which report was agreed to and the Comptroller was directed to report a warrant accordingly

The Street Commissioner to whom was referred the subject of accommodating the Steam Ferry Boats at Courtlandt Street Slip reported, in the following words

In compliance with a resolution of the 10th instant, The Street Commissioner begs leave to report; on the subject of accommodating the Steam ferry boats at Courtlandt Street slip

Mr Fulton proposes to have the slip filled [328] out to the West side of West Street and a pier built on the North side about 170 feet in length so as to form a slip or leave a space of water between that and the pier on the South side of 70 feet wide by 170 feet in length. The pier built in the same manner as the one on the South side would cost about 6500 dollars, the bulkhead 1200 dollars and the filling about 1500 dollars making in all 9200 dollars

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* Marginal note reads *See page 359.*—ED.

M^r Bussing & M^r Beach complain of the stagnation of business and say they are unprepared to join in the improvement proposed. Considerable work will be required on the North side of the slip to prevent the earth from running away, which together with the plan proposed by M^r Fulton is respectfully submitted

(signed) Samuel Stilwell

Ordered, that the same be referred to the Steam Ferry boat committee

The Street Commissioner on the petition of Philip J. Arcularius reported, that the statement of facts made in the memorial and remonstrance appears to be correct. The Street has been paved so low, that it has become necessary to raise it, but he is incompetent to judge, on whom the assessment should be laid. He, therefore, begs leave to suggest the propriety of referring the memorial & remonstrance to the assessors, whose province it is to make a just and equitable assessment

(signed) Samuel Stilwell

which report was agreed to

The Superintendant of the Alms House on the account of John Brown reported, that his objection in the first instance arose from his not having any knowledge of the contract and [329] secondly believing it to be a very extravagant charge, having had the same kind of services performed sundry times at the Alms House for at least one hundred per cent less

He further reports, that the representation of the said Brown since the order of the Board is not founded in fact, that he did not refuse him payment, but told him he had not funds to pay with

He further begs leave respectfully to represent to the Board, that he is personably responsible for all the expenditures for the support of the Alms House, and Bridewell and humbly conceives it improper to be subjected to pay extravagant accounts that he has no knowledge of until presented for payment

(signed) Richard Furman

Whereupon resolved, that the same be referred to the Comptroller to audit

The Street Commissioner on the petition of Jannet Montgomery reported as follows

The Street Commissioner, to whom was referred the petition of Jannet Montgomery praying that the corporation would take her land or find out some mode of preserving it, begs leave to report, " that although M^rs^ Montgomery has been so unfortunate as to hold land in this particular situation, he is of opinion, that the Corporation are in no way bound, to make restitution for damages she may have sustained by its being washed away; and although it lies with the owners of property to find means of preserving it, yet the Street Commissioner is informed, that three substantial houses are about to be erected on the opposite side of the street, on the ground, which [330] lately belonged to Daniel Phœnix, the situation of which has been the principal cause of complaint, which cause, in that case, will be removed. He is, therefore, of opinion, that there is no need of any order of the Board on the subject of the petition,

(signed) Samuel Stilwell

which report was agreed to.

The Street Commissioner in obedience to the resolution of the 10th instant which was as follows " Resolved, that the Street Commissioner be directed to cause the ditch in Collect Street to be made ten feet wide from Pearl (late Magazine Street to the North corner of the new arsenal, & that he be empowered to contract for 20,000 loads of earth to be deposited in such parts of the collect where it is most wanted, and that three temporary bridges be erected over the ditch, in such places as will be most convenient to the citizens." reported, that he can see no necessity of making the ditch in Collect Street between Pearl and Anthony Street ten feet wide, as he believes that part will soon be regulated and paved, and if the Ground on the East side of Collect Street, North of Anthony Street is to be filled, the space for the water to run can be left ten feet wide. He is also of opinion, that 20000 loads of earth would be more than would be prudent to put on that ground before the streets in the vicinity thereof are regulated.

He can see no impropriety in passing the resolution, if that part respecting the ditch is first erased and 15,000 put in the place of 20,000 loads

(signed) Samuel Stilwell

which report was agreed to

On motion, resolved, that the Canal Committee and Street Commissioner report a plan for [331] the regulation of Chapel Street from Leonard to Canal Street and that they be authorised to employ surveyors to make the necessary surveys & to enquire and report to the Board whether any plan & measures & what plan & measures ought to be adopted for the regulation of Canal Street.

Ordered, that a warrant issue to Mr Randall on account for surveys for the sum of $300

The representation made by the Committee on Peck Slip Lots at the last meeting was now referred back to the same committee to take the opinion of counsel upon the sales of said lots

Mr Lawrence gave notice, that he would at the next meeting call up his resolution for the appointment of an Attorney & Counsellor for the Board.

The case of a Mrs Humphreys, whose child had been bitten by a mad dog was referred to the Committee of Charity with authority to give a sum not exceeding twenty five dollars.

Resolved, that Mr Randell be authorized to cause the South side of North Street to be surveyed and that he ascertain and fix the lines of the street, from which the avenues take their direction & report thereon to this Board

A valuation of boats at Hell Gate Ferry made by J. Chambers was referred to the Ferry Committee

Alderman Torrey presented a resolution on the subject of the future meetings of the Board, the consideration of which was postponed

[332] The Comptroller reported cash in the treasury	$6730.43
Warrant not presented	2.37

Whereupon his Honour the Mayor was requested to issue his warrants for payment of the following sums

Lawrence & Van Wart, watch	592.90
Farrington & White Do	592.90
Goodheart & Hays Do	755.30
William Hoghland for a plan of New Alms House at Bellevue	100.
William Ogden 6 lost fire buckets	12.
John Batchelor & Son, Lamp irons repg pumps in 8th ward & Flag Staff	105.98
Wm S. Castle repairing pumps in the 2d and 3d wards	62.37
Bailey & Graham on acct of Orchard St	300.
Abraham Stagg, balance for regulating & paving Lispenard Street	252.50
Anderson & Smith acct paving Broome St	230.

Archibald Smith regulating Beach & Walker Streets	145.
James Richardson cleaning drain in Broad & Roosevelt Streets	137.24
David Griffin reg^{g} Varick Street	49.
Patrick Kane, paving intersections	34.75
Richard Furman Sup^{t} of Alms House	1500.
John H Sickles Treasurer of the New City Hall	1500.
Elbert Kip 2^{d} payment on ac^{t} of Ground near Bellevue	5000.
John Randell jun^{r} on account of Commissioners of Streets	300.

[333] In Common Council July 1st 1811

Present DeWitt Clinton Esq^{r} Mayor President

Peter Mesier
Thomas Carpenter
Charles Dickinson
Richard Cunningham
William Hoghland
William Torrey
George Buckmaster
Caleb Pell
John Pell
Esq^{rs} Aldermen

Sam^{l} Jones jun^{r}
Peter Hawes
Aug^{e} H. Lawrence
Elisha W. King
John Morss
Michael M. Titus
William Welling
W^{m} A. Hardenbrook
Abraham Van Gelder
Esq^{rs} Assistants

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved

A petition of Samuel Raymond for permission to sell meat in the lower Fly Market was read & referred to the Market Committee.

A petition to regulate and pave Second Street from Broome to Stanton Street was read and referred to the Street Commissioner

A petition from Fire Engine Company N^{o} 15 for a new Engine house was received & referred to the Committee on the Fire department.

A petition of Margaret Robinson for compensation as matron of Bellevue was read and referred to the following committee viz M^{r} King M^{r} Hardenbrook M^{r} Welling

A petition of John Machett to be appointed Captain of the City watch at Greenwich was read & referred to the Watch *Com* [334] Committee

The City Inspector reported drafts of ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances from N^{o} 1 to N^{o} 20 inclusive, which were passed

A petition of William Kline stating that Whitehead Cornell had agreed to transfer to him stall N^{o} 67 Fly Market & praying that he might receive a grant of the said stall and an application of Whitehead Cornwell to the above effect were read and referred to the Market Committee, who immediately reported thereon, that the prayer of the petition ought to be granted," Whereupon resolved, that the said report be agreed to

A remonstrance of Richard P. Lawrence & others against the resolution of the Board for opening Chamber Street was read. Whereupon resolved, that it appearing, that measures have already been taken for opening & continuing Chamber Street from Augustus to Chatham Street, the same being deemed an important improvement, the necessary proceedings for opening the said street as aforesaid be prosecuted to effect without delay

An account of John Murray & Sons for expenses in running out the pier at Swartout's Basin was referred to the committee on wharves, slips & piers

An account of J Stevenson & Lewis Osborn for services as peace officers in enforcing the Sunday Law in the 10th ward amounting to $63 was presented and the Comptroller was directed to report a warrant for payment of the same

A petition of William Van Tassel for the appointment of measurer of coals was referred to the Committee on applications

[335] An account of Henry Willett for repairs to fire engines was received & referred to the Committee on the Fire department

The Attorney of the Board reported, that he had received a letter from John Anthon Esq^{r} informing, that he was directed to institute a suit against the corporation, on their bond to M^{rs} Archer unless immediately paid. Ordered that the same be referred to the finance Committee

The following persons were appointed firemen, the chief Engineer certifying the vacancies

Hook & Ladder Company N° 3

James Mills, marshall, Spring Street 8th ward v. Isaac Deboys deceased

Henry Bartolf Carman, Thompson Street 8th ward v. William Rose removed from the city

Fire Engine Company N° 3

John Weyman Merchant taylor N° 39 Maiden Lane 2d ward v. Nicholas Cooper resigned.

Fire Engine Company N° 19

John Ricard Carpenter First Street 10th ward v Frederick Passenger gone to sea

The Lamp Committee, on the petition of I. Auld, praying compensation for lighting certain lamps more than were expressed in his account heretofore presented & settled, reported that they have carefully examined the same and find it true, that more lamps were lighted by him than his former account specified. But as the exact number cannot be easily ascertained, it being by the account of the superintendant of repairs fourteen over, and by that of the Superintendant of Lamps twenty nine, the Committee, therefore, advise an allowance of One hundred dollars as a final adjustment of the said claim and also that he [336] be paid ten dollars for a large stone jar used for holding spirits of turpentine, it being the property of Mr Auld

William Torrey
(signed) Thomas Carpenter
Caleb Pell

Which was agreed to and the Comptroller directed to report a warrant accordingly

The Committee of applications on the petition of James H Ward reported, that in their opinion, it would be proper, that one additional inspector of charcoal be appointed & recommended said James H. Ward who was appointed Inspector of charcoal

The Committee of applications on the petition of Dr De Yong reported, that they have examined into the Alms House department and find, that it is sufficiently supplied with physicians and consequently requires no additional aid from the faculty. The Committee, therefore, recommend, that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition

Caleb Pell
(signed) R. Cunningham
William Torrey

which report was agreed to

The Street Commissioner and the Comptroller on the Memorial of the executors of Abraham Cannon deceased, praying that the Corporation would declare their concurrence in the diminution of a lot ceded to them by Abraham Cannon, situate in Grand Street, twenty five feet, in common with others of the proprietors in that street, fronting on Grand Street slip, reported, that the said Abraham Cannon and others have thrown off twenty five feet of their ground, [337] joining on Grand Street from Magazine Street to the end of their grant to the said Abraham Cannon, in pursuance of the directions of the Corporation

They, therefore, respectfully recommend that twenty five feet from the front of the said lot ceded by Abraham Cannon to the Corporation be and the same is hereby declared to have been thrown into the street running along Grand Street Slip aforesaid, according to the prayer of the said memorial, so that the said lot now remains twenty five feet in width by seventy five feet deep

(signed) Samuel Stilwell
G. N. Bleeker

which report was agreed to

The Comptroller on the account of Jacob Halsey for repairs done at Jay Street pier, reported, that according to the note made by the Superintendant of repairs, the work was done by order of the committee of repairs and half of the expense is to be collected from M^r^ Rhinelander

When expenses of this nature are incurred in conjunction with an individual, it would seem proper, that a perfect understanding should previously be had between the parties as to the extent of repairs, the person to be employed and the sum expended. This is the ordinary mode of procedure between individuals interested in wharves and no reason can be perceived why similar arrangements should not be had in the improvement of public property. The correctness of this account as well as others similarly circumstanced, as it respects the various charges of the number of days, the quantity of materials [338] and some of the prices charged must rest on the confidence reposed in the persons employed to execute the work. Although it is signed by the superintendant of repairs, yet his knowledge of the transaction extends only to the customary price of labour. The large amount of the bill now under consideration, with others of a similar nature, which are frequently presented induce the subscriber respectfully to ask the attention of the Board to some salutary regulation in the future repairs of wharves, piers & slips

Whenever public and individual property are so connected, that it is indispensable to act in concert, the person interested should first be consulted as above mentioned and the Corporation be considered liable only for their proportion of expense

It is also suggested whether the public interest would not be greatly promoted by employing a competent person to superintend the repairing of docks and piers, whose duty it should be to keep an account of the number of men actually at work, the whole or part of days employed, the sufficiency of materials used and every other particular connected with the business in the same manner as individuals do, who are desirous of guarding against abuses, from whatever quarter they may arise

The arduous and encreasing duties of the Superintendant of repairs render it impracticable for him to pay that attention to this subject, which its importance demands. His avocations in the course of a day require his attendance in various parts of the city and it cannot be expected that he should have a perfect knowledge of many particulars charged in an account of this [339] kind

The Subscriber would not have troubled the Common Council with so detailed a representation; but he could not reconcile that justice, which is due to the General interest with a tacit acquiescence in what he has reason to consider a useless profusion of public money

The account is submitted to the Board, should they think proper to allow it, a warrant could pass for one half the amount, and an order be given attested by the Clerk on M^r^ Rhinelander for the other moiety

(signed) G. N. Bleeker

Which report was agreed to. The Comptroller was accordingly directed to report a warrant for the amount of one half the account and the remainder of the report was referred to the committee of repairs with a request to report a plan upon the subject

The Street Commissioner on the petition of Eliza Glover for permission to regulate the street in front of her property reported in favour of granting the prayer of the petitioner provided the work was accomplished before the 1st of May next

The Market Committee on the petition of Stephen Smart reported, that Stall N° 3 Duane Market be granted to the petitioner, which was agreed to

The Committee on the Fire Department reported upon the petition of Fire Engine Company N° 17, that in their opinion a new Engine house of Brick should be erected for said engine, which was agreed to

The Street Commissioner, to whom was [340] referred the petition of Andrew Kevan and others for an alteration in the assessment for regulating Laight Street reported, that he had carefully examined the assessment and compared it with the profile shewing the quantity of filling and can see no reasonable objection against the assessment; but is of opinion, that the assessors have attended to their duty and that the petitioners should have leave to withdraw their petition

(signed) Samuel Stilwell

Which report was agreed to

The Street Commissioner presented the assessment for paving & regulating Broome Street from Norfolk to Magazine Street, which was confirmed & Noah Jarvis was appointed collector

The Street Commissioner presented an ordinance for paving the side walks on Cherry Street from Catharine to Charlotte Slip, which was passed. The assessors named were laid over.

The Committee of the Fire Department on the petition of Gideon Carstang & others for establishing a fire company to be denominated Nº 37 reported, that they had examined the facts contained in said petition & in their opinion the prayer thereof ought to be granted, which report was agreed to.

The same committee on a petition presented on the 17th June last for establishing certain other persons as a company to be attached to Nº 37 reported, that in their opinion, the prayer of the petitioners ought not to be granted, which was agreed to

[341] Nehemiah Allen and John Van Nostrandt were offered to the Board by the Lessees of the Brooklyn ferry as their sureties for the performance of their contract and were accepted

Resolved, that the Ferry Committee be authorised to cause New Ferry Stairs to be built at the Fly Market

Resolved also, that the same committee be authorized to enforce the law respecting the lying of vessels at the Fly Market Slip.

Resolved, that the Ferry Committee be authorised to expend a sum not exceeding sixty dollars in painting the Ferry house at Horn's Hook & in making window shutters to the same

The Attorney of the Board, to whom it had been referred to draft arbitration bonds between this Board and Charles Smith and wife (late Mrs Wilkins) on the subject of the pier at Courtlandt Slip reported that he had drafted the same; but that the said Charles Smith & wife had utterly refused to execute the same on their part. The attorney further informed that the late Mr Wilkins had not complied with his parts of the covenant respecting the running out of piers at said slip

The Steam Ferry Boat Committee on the subject of the accommodation to be provided for the steam boats, at Courtlandt Slip reported, That by the terms of the contract between this Board and the Steam ferry boat committee it is obligatory on the Corporation to accommodate the piers and slips on this side of the river to the Steam boat establishment in time and season to meet the readiness of the Steam boats, and that [342] *that* M^r Fulton is by said contract to be consulted.

That we have every reason to believe, that the Steam boats of said company are already in such forwardness as to render a strict compliance on the part of this board, as to their contract respecting the slip altogether impracticable; yet we presume every effort to accommodate said boats ought to be made & that no time in regulating said slip in conformity to said contract ought to be lost

The Committee, therefore, recommend, that Powles Hook ferry Slip at the foot of Courtlandt Street be filled up to the West side of West Street and that from that line on the North side of said slip, a pier be run to the permanent line of such construction and width & from such point, as the committee with the Street Commissioner may deem proper and that the Street Commissioner be directed to carry the same into effect

The Committee further report, that they have consulted with Messieurs Bussing & Beach the grantees of the ground connected with the contemplated pier and are pleased to find, that they are willing to join the Corporation in building said pier provided they can be indulged for only one year for the payment of the money, at which time they will obligate themselves to pay to the Corporation both principal and interest for any advance, which may be made on account of their proportion of the expense of said pier

Peter Mesier
(signed) Peter Hawes
William Hoghland
Thomas Carpenter

[343] M^r Hawes moved, that the report be accepted and the pier be erected. M^r Jones moved, that the following proviso be added to M^r Hawes's resolution "Provided that the same be accepted by M^r Fulton as a compliance with the contract of the Corporation with him." On the question of agreeing to the same, a division having been called, it was carried in the affirmative as follows

Affirmative
Alderman C. Pell
J. Pell
M^r Jones,
M^r Lawrence
M^r King
M^r Morss
M^r Titus
M^r Welling
M^r Hardenbrook
M^r Van Gelder

Negative
Alderman Mesier
Carpenter
Dickinson
Hoghland
Torrey
Buckmaster

On the question for agreeing to the resolution as amended, a division having been called, it was carried in the affirmative, the members voting as on the former question.

The Committee on the Fire Department presented a bill of Abel W. Hardenbrook for a new Fire Engine for Company N° 31 amounting to $45, which was directed to be paid and the Comptroller to report a warrant for the same

Alderman Hoghland declined serving on the committee for erecting a new Alms House at Bellevue. His resignation was accepted and Mr King was appointed on the committee, in his place

On motion resolved, that Jacob M'Keag be [344] paid the amount of the valuation of the boats at Horn's Hook as made by Mr Chambers, deducting therefrom the value of one scow, which has not been taken by the present lessee of the Ferry, and that the Comptroller report a warrant accordingly

The account of Henry Willett for repairs to fire engines was received & referred to the Committee on the Fire Department

The Board agreed, that, on their adjournment, they would adjourn to meet on the 4th instant at the New City Hall at 12 o'clock

The Street Commissioner presented the following leases of lots, which had been sold at auction, agreeably to the act for payment of assessments due upon them. The same having been examined and approved by Mr Hawes as Counsel was directed to be executed. Sundry others were presented & referred to Mr Hawes for examination.

Those, which passed the Board were as follows viz Lot 752 on the West side of Elm Street between Grand & Broome Streets to Garrit Brower for nine years from the 27th May 1811: Lot N° 283 on the Easterly side of Wooster Street between Spring & Prince Streets, to William Stratton for 24 years from 27th May, 1811. *Lot N° 283 on the Easterly side of Wooster Street between Spring & Prince Street to William Stratton for 24 years from 27th May 1811;* Lot N° 254 on the West side of Green Street between Spring & Prince Street for 25 years to Stephen N Bayard: Lot N° 1251 on the East side of Sixth Street between Hester and Pump Street for 13 years to Stephen N. Bayard; Lot N° 751 on the Westerly side of Elm Street between Broome and Grand Streets for 9 years to Richard Collier; lot N° 1229 West [345] side of Crosby Street between Spring & Prince Street for two years to Hector Scott; Lot N° 422 on the West side of Second Street between Delancey & Rivington Streets for the term of eight years to Samuel A. Lawrence; Lot N° 421 West side of Second Street between Delancey and Rivington Streets for seven years to Samuel A

Lawrence; Lot N° 1207 East side of Mulberry Street between Broome & Spring Street for eight years to S. A Lawrence, lot N° 1737 North Westerly corner of Suffolk & Rivington Street for nine years to Abraham Boyce; Lot N° 1734 West side of Suffolk Street between Rivington and Stanton Street for fifteen years to Abraham Boyce and Lot N° 1736 West side of Suffolk Street between Rivington & Stanton Street*

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[347] The Comptroller reported, that at the last meeting there had overdrawn from the treasury the sum of $1718.13

His Honour the Mayor was requested to issue his warrants for payment of the following sums

James Hardie	1 mo to 1st July	....	62.50	
Andrew Otterson	1 Do Do	....	50.	
R. Graves Asst St Comr	1 Do Do	....	62.50	
Mott Hicks	Do Do	....	50.	
Wm P. Roome Pottersfield	Do	....	30.	
Proprietor of the Morning Post 3 months subscription		.....	18.75	
Saml Walker, posting bills		....	46.25	
John Brown, cleaning the Bridewell sink		....	231.	
H. Brush repairing pumps 7th ward		....	62.50	
Jas Douglass for 111 monuments		....	444.	
John Anderson 1st instalment for pier at Duane Basin		.....	990.	
Enoch Hoyt 3d & last instalt of filling lots at Brooklyn		....	666.68	
Chas Mooney on acct paving Hester st		....	600.	
Jno Knapp digging Gouverneur st		....	306.38	
Archibald Smith, paving Dover st		....	300.	
Robt Carnley acct of Willett St		....	110.	
Moran & Ternay bale on Crosby st		....	105.82	
Jacob P. Roome Supt of repairs for ⅓ payment of contract building house at Brooklyn ferry		....	700.	
Wm Torrey chairman of lamp committee to pay in part for oil		....	1500.	
				10.386.38
				12.104.51

[348] July 8th 1811

A sufficient number of members not appearing to form a quorum adjourned to Monday the 15th July

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* Report not finished.—ED.

In Common Council July 15th 1811

Present DeWitt Clinton Esqr Mayor President

Peter Mesier
Thomas Carpenter
Chas Dickinson
Richd Cunningham
Wm Hoghland
Wm Torrey
George Buckmaster
Caleb Pell
John Pell
Esqrs Aldermen

Saml Jones junr
Peter Hawes
Auge H. Lawrence
Elisha W. King
John Morss
William Welling
Wm A. Hardenbrook
Abm Van Gelder
Esqrs Assistants

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved

A letter from Whitehead Fish Esqr treasurer of the Corporation informing, that the collectors of the first & seventh wards had not yet made returns to him of the monies to be collected on the tax for the last year was read & referred to the Comptroller

A petition was received from Joseph Concklin praying, that Stand No 16 in Catharine Market, at present occupied by Isaac Varrian might be assigned to him; and a certificate from Isaac Varian stating his assent thereto were read & referred to the Market Committee who immediately reported in favour of granting the prayer of the petition, which was agreed to

Petitions of John Perrin for stall No 54 in the Fly Market & from Thomas Place junior [349] for permission to sell meat in the lower Fly Market was read & referred to the Market Committee.

A petition to fill up and regulate Sullivan Street from Spring to Broome St a petition to regulate Lewis Street from Delancey to Rivington Street; a petition to regulate and pave Grand Street from Elizabeth to Rynder Street and a petition to regulate Goerck Street from Grand to Broome Street were read & referred to the Street Commissioner

A petition of John Downing for remission of rent due from him for occupation of No 24 Augustus Street, stating that by the loss of his Eye sight & by great losses at the late fire, he was in distressed circumstances was read and referred to the Committee of Charity

A memorial of Henry White proposing to the corporation an exchange of a small piece of ground of a lot of his on Elm Street for a similar gore on said street belonging to the Corporation was read & referred to the Street Commissioner & Comptroller

A petition from Fire Engine Company No 8 for repairs to their Engine was read & referred to the committee on the Fire department

A petition from sundry inhabitants for a pump at the intersection of Beekman & Nassau Street was read & granted upon the usual terms under the direction of the Alderman & Assistant of the ward & the Superintendant of repairs

A Letter from Leonard Bleeker *treas* [350] treasurer of the Free School society requesting payment of the sum of $4000 granted by the legislature at their last session to said institution payable out of the excise & also the annual grant of $1000 was read & referred to the Comptroller

The Committee of Charity reported that they had procured a passage for Michael Thalamus in the Ship Lord Minto to Calcutta, for which they were to pay five hundred dollars. Whereupon ordered that a warrant issue to the committee for the payment of the same

The ordinance for repaving James St passed 27th May last; the ordinance for widening Jay Street passed 17th June last and the ordinance for paving the side walks on Cherry Street, passed the 1st instant, were called up & Ezekiel Bishop, Solomon Wheeler, Abraham Hart, Robert Coles & Stephen Kingsland were appointed assessors on each

The City Inspector reported drafts of ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances from No 20 to No 100 which were passed

The following persons were appointed firemen, the Chief Engineer certifying the corresponding vacancies

Fire Engine Company No 12

Nathl Conklin Cooper No 4 Crane wharf 2d ward v. Ira C. Day resigned

Fire Engine Company No 21

Lewis Judson Shoemaker No 184 Water Street 2d ward v. Griffith P Griffith expelled

Fire Company No 20

David Pulis, mason No 43 Warren Street [351] 5th ward v. Garret Cozine resigned

Fire Company No 31

William Stewart mason No 15 Leonard Street 5th ward, v. Daniel S. Baker resigned

John T. Crum Cartman No 41 Anthony Street 5th ward v. Samuel Dien resigned

A petition was received from Jonas Humbert, praying payment of three barrels of flour delivered to William Mooney late Superintendant of the Alms House. On motion resolved, that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition

A petition of Richard P. Lawrence on the subject of compensation for losses at the late fire was referred to the committee on the petition of the Lessees of the Corporation on that subject viz M^r^ Jones Alderman Torrey Alderman Hoghland

The Attorney of the Board, to whom was referred the *memorial of Charles Christian praying to be remunerated the sum of sixty two dollars the amount expended by him in defending a suit instituted by Nicholas Lozier against him the said Charles Christian for an act done, while in the discharge of his duty as a police magistrate reported "that the facts stated in the said petition are true. It also appears, that prior to any steps being taken to arrest M^{r} Lozier, M^{r} Christian took the advice of the late recorder, the district attorney M^{r} Colden being absent on duty. It also appears, that the cause for which Lozier was arrested was permitting a person to escape from his custody and as was believed designedly. The Grand Jury indicted and the petit jury convicted Lozier of the [352] offence. Although there is no law authorising M^{r} Christian to call on this board for repayment of the above sum, yet inasmuch as it was expended by him in an act done in the discharge of his duty, as a magistrate after being advised to it by a law officer of the court, I am of opinion that this Board ought to remunerate him the said sum of sixty two dollars, provided he produce to the Comptroller vouchers for the same

(signed) Isaac A. VanHook

On the motion to agree to the same, it passed in the negative.

The Trustees of the German Reformed Church reported agreeably to law, of the appropriation by them made of the money granted for the use of schools, which was ordered to be filed

The award in the case of Coentie's slip was read. Whereupon resolved, that the Corporation will bear the proportion of one half of the expense of paving said street and that the Street Commissioner report an ordinance for assessing the expenses of the same

A letter was received from Robert Bogardus Esq^{r} stating that ground belonging to the estate of F. Lynch deceased was taken for opening Magazine Street, the value of which was submitted to arbitrators, who also having made the award after the time limited in the bond of submission, the Common Council refused to perform

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* Marginal note reads *See Page 311.*—ED.

the same. He now requested measures might be taken to bring that business to a close. He also requested information whether the Common Council meant to continue Elm Street beyond Hester S^t^ as M^r^ A. H. Beekman, through whose grounds the [353] street will run is desirous of leasing the same in case the Street is not immediately carried through. Whereupon ordered, that the same be referred to the Street Commissioner

M^r^ Hardie stated to the Board, that a lot at the corner of Beach and Chapel Streets belonging to the Corporation required to be filled up, which was ordered to be done.

The Street Commissioner presented an ordinance for repaving Augustus & Cross Street, which were passed and the rule being dispensed with, Ezekiel Bishop, Solomon Wheeler, Robert Coles, Abraham Hart & Stephen Kingsland were appointed assessors

The Street Commissioner presented an ordinance for regulating & paving Grand Street from Elizabeth to Rynder Street, which was passed. The Assessors names were laid over

The Street Commissioner on the petition for paving Second Street from Broome to Stanton Street reported, that a majority of the proprietors had not signed the petition & therefore according to the rules of the Board, the prayer could not be granted. He farther stated, that between Delancey & Stanton Street, a majority have signed. It appearing, however, to the Board, that public convenience required, that said street should be paved agreeably to the prayer of the petition, the Street Commissioner was directed to report an ordinance for regulating & paving the same

The Board of Health presented a report of their proceedings, during the month of June, which having been read. was ordered to be filed. They requested a Warrant for $700 to meet the expenses, which had been incurred up to the 1^st^ [354] instant, which was ordered to be issued

Ordered, that the Street Commissioner report a general plan for regulating Canal & Collect Street.

The Comptroller presented a grant to M^rs^ Elizabeth Morris of a Water Lot between Front and South Street in the Fourth ward, which having been examined by M^r^ Hawes as Council, & approved was directed to be duly executed

Leave was granted to Kenneth King to erect a vault in Vesey Street near Church S^t^ upon the usual terms, under the direction of the Alderman and assistant of the 3^d^ ward and the Street Commissioner

Ordered, that the Comptroller report a warrant in favour of Jacob M'Keag for scows &c at Horne's Hook ferry for $116

Resolved also that the Ferry Committee take charge of such of the scows & Boats at Horn's hook ferry, as the present lessee Mr Smith is not inclined to take and remove them to Bellevue

Resolved, that the following be a committee to report a plan by ordinance or otherwise for the regulation of Hackney coaches—Alderman Mesier, Mr Hawes & Alderman C. Pell.

Alderman Torrey called up his resolution presented on the 24th June last, which being read was as follows

Resolved, that on the Monday of next, the Common Council will meet for public business, at the New City Hall in the room intended for the Mayor's office; that the old furniture be used, until the Council Chamber is completed and that the Comptroller & Street Commissioner be also directed to remove their respective offices to the appartments intended for [355] *for* them. On the question of agreeing to the same it passed in the affirmative, and the blank was filled up with the Second Monday in August. Alderman Buckmaster gave notice, that at the next meeting he would move for a reconsideration of the vote taken

The committee of arrangements presented a bill for the expenses of the dinner on the 4th July anniversary, amounting to $375, for which a warrant was ordered to issue

The Comptroller reported Cash in the Treasury	$21.353.45
Warrants not presented	61.
	21.292.45

Whereupon his Honour the Mayor was directed to issue his warrants for payment of the following sums.

Lawrence & Van Wart watch	592.90
Farrington & White Do	592.90
Goodheart & Hays. Do	755.30
Samuel Stilwell St Commissr 1 Quarters salary to 5th inst.	375.
J. Morton City Inspector & receiving clerk 1 Quarter	437.50
Francis Lynch, inspector of bread bale of 1 Qr to 10th inst.	88. 5
Wm M. Summers, Do to 9th inst.	80.
B. Skaats to pay 17 bell ringers on 4th July last	38.25
Editor of Commercial Advertiser 6 months subscription to 1st June	37.50
P. Tabele subscription to public Advertiser 3 months to 5th inst	18.75
Stevenson & Osborn for Sunday services in the 10th ward	63.
[356] Jacob Hays Sunday services	12.

James Jenkins, ironmongery for public buildings	149.14
Abel W. Hardenbrook for fire Engine No 31	845.
Angus Sutherland for 1 lost fire bucket	2.
Thomas Brown Do	2.
James Richardson, cleaning wells in 3d 4th & 7th wards	66.68
Oliver Waldron, overseer of roads 1 month to 1st instant	276.12
Isaac Auld final settlement of account for lighting lamps	110.
Samuel Nichols for Street lamps &c	82.
Daniel Woolsey 1st instalment for piers & ferry stairs at Brooklyn	672.50
Cæsar Alston cleaning drains Chapel Street &c	11.12
Moran & Ternay acct repaving Stone Street	400.
Jacob Halsey repairs at Jay Street wharf	549.33
Abraham Stagg, balances on sundry streets, paving &c	246.81
Bailey & Graham on acct paving Orchard St	240.
Thomas & George Lovett bale due on 4th St	133.69
Anderson & Smyth bale due on Broome St	70.30
New York Insurance Company Interest on bond due 1st July	1800.
Manhattan Company Do on 2 bonds	895.
Gerard Walton interest on 2 bonds	728.
Augustine H. Lawrence interest on 2 bonds	284.31
John G. Leake, Interest on bond	70.
Wm Torrey chairman of Lamp Committee to pay lamp lighters	478. 6
John H. Sickles Treasurer of New City Hall	3000.
Richard Furman Supt of Alms House	3500.
J. Morton, to pay dinner bill on 4th July	375.
P. Mesier passage for Michael Thalamus to Isle of France	500.
	$6278.21

[357] In Common Council July 22d 1811

Present His Honour DeWitt Clinton Esqr President

Peter Mesier	Esqrs Aldermen	Samuel Jones junr	Esqrs Assistants
Thomas Carpenter		Peter Hawes	
William Hoghland		Auge H. Lawrence	
George Buckmaster		John Morss	
Caleb Pell.		William Welling	
Nicholas Fish		Wm A. Hardenbrook	

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A petition for the removal of the pump at the corner of Pearl & William Streets was read and referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the 4th ward & Superintendant of repairs with a request to report thereon at the next meeting

A letter of John Dev: Delancey requesting a lease of the ground under water of the pond in the collect on the West side of Broadway was read & referred to the Canal Committee

A petition of Gurdon S. Mumford & others on behalf of the purchasers of Inclenbergh lots, praying, that a committee may be appointed to confer with them and adjust the claims of the petitioners was read & referred to the former committee on that subject, with a request that they would confer with said petitioners & report to the Board. The former committee were Mr Hawes Mr Jones Mr King

A petition of Hook and Ladder Company No 2 to be provided with a truck [358] to convey their implements at a fire, was referred to the Chief Engineer with authority to grant the prayer of his petition, if in his opinion proper

The Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church reported the disposition of the School Money granted to him, which was directed to be filed

A petition of Anthony Kerr for remission of a penalty for incumbering the side walks was read and referred to the Attorney of the Board

A petition to pave and regulate Beekman Street was read & referred to the Street Committee

The City Inspector presented drafts of ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances from No 101 to No 150 inclusive, which were passed

The accounts of Caleb S. Riggs, Josiah Ogden Hoffman, William Slosson and David B. Ogden Arbitrators in the case of Coenties Slip was received & referred to the Street Commissioner with directions to include them in the assessment of the expenses; the one half thereof to be borne by this Board.

A petition from Fire Engine Company No 32 to be furnished with a reel was read & referred to the Committee on the Fire Department

[359] The Committee, to whom the *petition of George Menial was referred presented a report, which was agreed to, and the Committee were authorised to appoint an arbitrator on the part of this Board

The Street Commissioner made a communication on the subject of the †objections of Mr Rhinelander to the assessment for opening Washington Street, which was referred back to him for his opinion on the subject

The Street Commissioner on the petition of the inhabitants to fill up

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* Marginal note reads *See page 274.*—ED.

† Marginal note reads *See page 327.*—ED.

& regulate Sullivan Street reported that in his opinion the prayer ought to be granted, provided it is done by the first day of May next, which was agreed to

The Street Commissioner on the petition of Henry White reported, that the exchange would be mutually advantageous. He therefore recommended, that mutual releases be prepared and executed by M^r White and the corporation without delay, which was agreed to

The Street Commissioner presented a return of delinquents upon the assessment for Hester Street. Whereupon a warrant was ordered to issue to Noah Jarvis the collector for collecting the same

The Street Commissioner, to whom was referred that part of a letter of Robert Bogardus, which requests a decision respecting the [360] *the* taking of two certain lots of ground of Abraham K. Beekman for the purpose of opening Elm Street South of Hester Street begs leave to report, that Elm Street is now open from Anthony Street to the rear of the aforesaid lots, which is, at the distance of one hundred feet from Hester Street, and from Hester Street Northerly to Spring Street, and as removing this obstruction would be a valuable improvement far exceeding the expense, the Street Commissioner is of opinion, that legal measures should be taken to open Elm Street from Canal to Hester Street

(signed) Samuel Stilwell

Which report was agreed to & legal measures for opening Elm Street was directed to be immediately taken

The Street Commissioner reported an ordinance for regulating Lewis Street from Delancey to Rivington Street, which was passed. The Assessors named laid over

The Street Commissioner reported an ordinance for assessing the expense of repaving the carriage way on the West side of Coentie's Slip, which was passed. The assessors named were laid over.

The Street Commissioner presented an ordinance, in pursuance of the order of the Board, for regulating & paving Second Street, from Broome to Stanton Street, which was passed and the rule being dispensed with, Ezekiel Bishop, Solomon Wheeler, Robert Coles, Abraham Hart, and Stephen Kingsland were appointed as- [361] sessors

The Street Commissioner presented an ordinance for regulating Goerck Street which was passed. The Assessors named were laid over

The Street Commissioner on the subject of Collect & Canal Street presented the following report

" The Street Commissioner is not prepared to make a full report on the subject of Canal Street, in conformity to a resolution of the Board of Monday last. But he begs leave to commence an explanation of his ideas by sketches of a few sections of Collect & Canal Streets, calculated to commence with the elevation lately obtained by raising Pearl Street and continue with a declivity of a little more than two inches on an hundred feet, so as to meet the tide water at the West side of Washington Street, at common high water. The sketches herewith presented, though apparently rough, are in exact proportion

The trial of this or any other plan, that may be thought preferable, can be made by regulating & paving Collect Street from Pearl to Anthony Street, as the nuisance in that street ought to be abated without delay

(signed) Samuel Stilwell

which report was ordered to be filed

Resolved, that the Committee on the Fire department be requested to apply to the Manhattan Company for keys to open their fire plugs, in case of fire

[362] The Committee on the Fire department upon the petition of Fire Engine Company N° *N°* 26 reported, that the Engine was in want of two additional lengths of new leader & they therefore recommended, that the Chief Engineer cause the same to be made and to have such other necessary repairs made as he shall think proper, which report was agreed to.

The same committee on the petition of N° 13 reported, that the box of the Engine was leaky; but that it could be repaired without the expense of a new one and therefore recommended that the Chief Engineer cause it to be repaired, which was agreed to

On motion, ordered, that a warrant issue to Mr Randell on account of surveying for the sum of $500.

The Clerk of the Common Council presented the Books of Jurors as corrected by the Aldermen and assistants of the respective wards, to whom they had been submitted. Whereupon resolved, that they be approved and that the Clerk deliver the ballots transcribed from the said books to the Clerk of the City and County of New York

The attorney of the Board presented a communication on the subject of Cross Street, which was referred to the Street Commissioner, with directions to report an ordinance, on the subject, if upon examination he deemed it advisable

It having been represented to the Board, [363] that the Lessees of the Brooklyn ferry had hired out a part of the Ferry Stairs to the great inconvenience of passengers, crossing in the Ferry Boats, the same was referred to the Ferry Committee, with a request to examine into the case and to report the facts to the Board

Ordered, that the Superintendant of repairs cause a quantity of earth not exceeding one hundred and fifty loads to be carted to Gouverneur's Slip to repair the same.

The ordinance passed on the 15th inst for regulating & paving Grand Street was called up & Ezekiel Bishop, Solomon Wheeler, Robert Coles, Abraham Hart & Stephen Kingsland were appointed assessors.

On motion resolved, that a commitee be appointed to take into consideration how far it would be proper to fill up the Collect and whether it would not be expedient to leave some of the Springs or fountains of it open & to report thereon to the Board. The Committee appointed were Mr Jones Aldn C. Pell [&] Fish

The Market Committee recommended, that Stall No 3 in the Corlaer's Hook market be granted to Samuel Raymond, which was agreed to.

[364] The Comptroller reported Cash in the treasury	$6969.74
Warrants not presented	1485.94
	5483.80

Whereupon the Mayor was requested to issue his warrants for payment of the following sums.

Lawrance & Van Wart watch	592.90
Farrington & White Do	592.90
Goodheart & Hays Do	755.30
B. Hart for 14 casks powder &c for artillery 4th July	243.20
Jacob Morison, Sunday services 4th ward	22.50
Edward Meeks blacksmith's work for Superintendant of repairs	387.89
Luke Torboss for painting & glazing in sundry departments	279.36
O'Neil & Lee repairing wells in 5th 8th & 10th wards	104.50
Joseph Houston bale due contractors for paving Street	549.78
Archibald Smith on acct of Sugar Loaf Street	200.
Abraham Stagg on acct of Streets	100.
Wm Bridges, sundry surveys & maps for the Street Commissioner	56.50
Jacob M'Keag for scows &c at Hell gate ferry	116.
Jacob P. Roome Supt of repairs to pay for lamp posts, the last payt for house at Brooklyn ferry, to pay workmen, contract for Engine house No 22 & to pay small bills	1520.
	5520.83

[365] In Common Council July 29th 1811

Present DeWitt Clinton Esquire Mayor President

Peter Mesier
Thomas Carpenter
Richard Cunningham
William Hoghland
William Torrey
George Buckmaster
Caleb Pell
Nicholas Fish
John Pell
Esqs Aldermen

Peter Hawes
Auge H. Lawrence
John Morss
Michl M. Titus
Wm A. Hardenbrook
Esqs Assistants

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved

A petition from sundry proprietors of lots in Bridge Street, praying that the East end of said street might be widened was read & referred to the Street Commissioner and the Street Committee

Petitions for regulating Grand Street from Goerck Street to the ferry; for regulating Mangin Street, from Grand Street to Broome Street, and a petition from Walter Bowne and Doctor Wilson to be permitted to pave Prince Street from Broadway to Mercer Street, they being sole proprietors of lots on said street were read & referred to the Street Commissioner

A petition from sundry inhabitants praying, that the Common Council would direct 55th Street to be opened from the East to the North river was read and referred to the Street Commisisoner &

A petition of George Lorrilard for payment of a bond given by the Corporation to *Da* [366] Daniel Banvard & assigned to him was read & referred to the Comptroller

A petition of James Ridgway for permission to transfer his lease of No 4 Magazine Street to Mrs Deborah Smith was referred to the Comptroller

Petitions from Benjamin Barham for permission to erect a vault in front of his house on the Southerly side of Walker Street between Church Street and Broadway and from Leonard Lispenard for the like permission for a vault in front of his house in Laight Street on the North side of Hudson Square were granted upon the usual terms and under the direction of the Alderman and assistant of the Ward and the Street Commissioner

A petition of Nicholas Dean for a tavern licence gratis, he being aged & unable to pay for the same was read & referred to the committee of Charity

A petition for a well on the West side of Second Street signed by the inhabitants in the vicinity of first, Second, Rivington & Stanton Streets was read and granted upon the usual terms, under the direction of the Alderman & Assistant of the Ward and the Superintendant of repairs

A petition of James Brown for Stall N° 7 Hudson Market was read & referred to the Market Committee, who immediately *re* [367] reported in favour of the petition, which was agreed to.

A petition of the Inhabitants of Stanton Street praying that said street might be regulated and paved from the intersection of the same with the Bowery Lane to Orchard Street was read and referred to the Street Commissioner with directions to report an ordinance thereon, if in his opinion, proper.

A memorial from George Codwise jun^r & Peter Schermerhorn was read, stating that the wharf on the East side of Burling Slip was overflowed by the tides & praying that the same might be raised was referred to the Committee on Wharves, piers & slips

A petition of Elias Nexsen stating, that the Sewer in Maiden Lane was choaked up and decayed & praying it might be rebuilt was referred to the Superintendant of repairs to examine and report upon the same to the Board and whether the drain is public or private

A petition of Edward W. Laight in behalf of the heirs of Robert Fullam deceased, who are minors and praying the suspension of the payment of an assessment upon certain lots owned by them on Broadway was read & referred to the Committee on assessments & the Street Commissioner

A petition of Samuel Patterson was read [368] stating, that for four or five years past he had had a permit to stand in the Fly Market, that lately his permit had been taken from him and praying to have it restored was referred to the Market Committee

A memorial of Robert Sutton was read, stating, that he had hired the ferry at Bushwick on Long Island; that Samuel Winship the Lessee of the ferry on the New York side was so conducting himself as materially to injure the said ferry & praying the interference of the Board. Whereupon ordered, that the same be referred to the Ferry Committee

The Attorney of the Board, made the following communication

"The Attorney of the Board begs leave to state that M^r Henry Low, who is indebted to the Corporation for rent for a place leased by him out of town has, after an absence of some months returned to this city very poor and altogether unable to pay the amount of rent due by him to this board. His lease expired last May, at which time he was bound to give up peaceable possession to the Board of the said house & lot; he has called on the comptroller & is desirous of complying with his lease & will now give up the said property to this Board. He is also desirous of remaining there for this year & will as I understand, give security for the payment of the rent that may be fixed on him. Several writs were issued against him for the rent due; but he was never taken and is now advertising for relief under the insolvent act

(signed) I. A. Van Hook

[369] Whereupon ordered, that the same be referred to the Comptroller and Finance Committee with authority to settle the same with Mr Low in such manner as they shall judge expedient

The attorney on the petition of Anthony Kerr reported against granting the prayer of said petition, which was agreed to.

The Street Commissioner on the subject of Chatham Square, which had been committed to him reported, "That he has measured the ground and finds about 2574 yards unpaved, which at 2/6 per yard

will amount to	804.37
Curb & gutter	200.
Corners	12.
	$1016.37

To remove the articles, by which the square is incumbered, it would be requisite to prohibit the sale of horses and carriages by auction at that place; and if it be necessary to tolerate this species of traffic, a much better and more convenient place may be found between Elm and Collect Streets, the arsenal and Anthony Street. He therefore, suggested, the pro*pro*priety of removing the Horse market to the Ground South of the Arsenal and to prevent nuisance, that Chatham Square be enclosed with a pale fence and as the wooden curb is decayed on the side of the square next to Chatham Street; that new curb & gutter (of stone) be laid and the walk filled with gravel [370] *gravel.* This will preclude the necessity of paving the square and be a great saving of expense.

The fence, as nearly as he can calculate will cost about	$250
Curb, gutter & corners	212
Making together	$462

Which report was agreed to. The Superintendant of repairs was directed to take measures for carrying that part of the report into effect, which related to his department. It was also resolved, that the sale of horses and carriages be prohibited in the said square and that the sale of those articles be confined to the place designated in s^{d} report.

The Street Commissioner upon the objections to the assessment for opening Washington Street reported, " that the proceedings respecting this assessment appear to have been regular and according to law

The Jury in estimating the value of the land to be taken for the street (it is believed) would have awarded to the owner the present value, without inquiring by what means it had acquired it. Likewise the Assessors viewing the improvement and the adjacent property in its present state, make the assessment, without enquiring what arrangements have been made for previous improvements.

Viewing the subject in this light, the Street Commissioner has no right to call in question the judgment of the Assessors for opening Washington Street: and the objections of M^{r} Rhinelander resting only on conversation, which took place *be* [371] between him and the late Street Commissioner which cannot be said amounted to a bargain for exemption, even if there had been sufficient authority in the Street Commissioner to have made such a bargain. The Street Commissioner is therefore of opinion, that the assessment should be confirmed and a collector be appointed

Whereupon resolved, that the said assessment be confirmed and on motion Morris was appointed Collector on the assessment

The Comptroller presented three grants of land under water to John Jacob Astor situate in the Eight ward upon the Hudson River, which grants were directed to be executed, having been examined by M^{r} Hawes as Council

The Committee on assessments, to whom was referred the consideration of allowing compensation to the Collector on delinquent assessments made the following report, " that large sums of money were due the Corporation of this city on assessments for regulating, paving and improving streets, on some of which considerable sums remained due and uncollected, owing in most instances to a want of exertion on the part of the Collectors, the returns of some were found in the Street Commissioner's office in a deranged state

The Committee are, however, now happy to state, that from the arrangements, which have been made and the almost unexampled industry and perseverance of the present collector, considerable [372] sums have been already collected, as will appear by the annexed statement;* and that much more will soon be placed in the City Treasury

The Committee further state, that they have agreed to allow the Collector as compensation for his services and expenses 6 per Cent, on all monies collected on old assessments and which, in their opinion is but a reasonable and just reward for his labour

Aug^{e} H. Lawrence
(signed) Peter Hawes
Michael M. Titus

Which report was agreed to

The Bellevue Committee reported, that the work at Bellevue for the erection of the New Alms House has so far progressed, that they are now prepared to lay the corner Stone of the said building. They, therefore, beg leave to propose, that the following inscription be engraved on said corner stone

"The corner stone of the Alms House of the City of New York was laid by order of the Common Council

By

DeWitt Clinton Esquire Mayor

Pierre C. Van Wyck Recorder

Peter Mesier Alderman Samuel Jones Junior Assistant	1st ward
[373] Thomas Carpenter Alderman Peter Hawes Assistant	Second ward
Charles Dickinson Alderman Augustine H. Lawrence Assistant	Third ward
Richard Cunningham Alderman Elisha W. King Assistant	Fourth ward
William Hoghland Alderman John Morss Assistant	Fifth ward
William Torrey Alderman Isaac S. Douglass Assistant	Sixth ward
George Buckmaster Alderman Michael M. Titus assistant	Seventh ward

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*By the above report, it appeared, that the sum deposited in the

Treasury by Noah Jarvis the Collector on old assessments was..	$10,996.50
By Cash on Sundry streets late assessments collected on sales of lots	1,113.22
and a balance in his hands of..............................	401.68
Making in all the sum of..............................	12,511.40

Caleb Pell Alderman William Welling Assistant	Eighth ward
Nicholas Fish, Alderman William A. Hardenbrook Asst	Ninth ward
John Pell Alderman Abraham Van Gelder junr Asst	Tenth ward
Nicholas Fish Augustine H. Lawrence John Morss Peter Hawes Elisha W. King	Building committee

William Hoghland architect

Whereupon, resolved, that the preceding Inscription be engraved on a suitable stone and that the Board attend the Mayor in laying it on the South east corner of the Chapel.
Which report was agreed to

Alderman Torry presented a resolution fixing a penalty of $25 upon every keeper of a public garden, who shall open the same for the entertainment of company on Sunday, which was referred to Alderman Torrey, Mesier & Mr Lawrence

[374] The Committee of Charity presented an account for the maintenance of Michael Thalamus amounting to $134. Whereupon resolved, that a warrant issue in favour of the chairman of said committee for said amount for payment of the same.

The Attorney of the Board requested leave of absence for ten days, which was granted

On motion of Mr Hawes, a committee was appointed to enquire respecting certain incumbrances stated to be made upon the public wharf, South East of the Battery and report thereon to the Board. The Committee appointed were Mr Hawes Alderman Mesier Mr Morss

The City Inspector reported drafts of ordinances for correcting sundry nuisances from No 151 to No 200 inclusive, which was passed

The ferry committee reported verbally, that the committee had agreeably to the order of the board taken charge of and removed to Bellevue from Hell Gate such of the scows & boats, as the Lessee of Hell Gate was not inclined to take. They also stated, that Mr Smith declined taking one of the Boats at $25, at which it was apprised. They, therefore, recommended, that he be permitted to take the same at $15, which report was agreed to

The Comptroller reported cash in [375] the treasury	3282.34
Warrants not presented	609.11
	2673.23

Whereupon his Honour the Mayor was requested to issue his warrants for payment of the following sums

Southwick & Pelsue, printing for City Inspector & Street Commissioner	204.50	
James Richardson, cleaning wells	46.73	
John Randell Jun^{r} on account of surveying	500.	
Abraham Stagg on account of Rivington Street	400.	
Abraham Stagg on D^{o}	326.	
Moran & Terney on account of Bridge Street	320.	
Bayley & Anderson on account of Orchard Street	250.	
Archibald Smith balance on Dover Street	96.40	
Abraham Stagg, paving intersections in Broome S^{t} Bowery &c	12.54	
Walter Allen for repairs at Coenties Slip	429.98	
		2586.15
Balance in the treasury		87. 8

[376] In Common Council August 5th 1811

Present De Witt Clinton Esq^{r} Mayor President

Peter Mesier	Esq^{rs} Aldermen	Peter Hawes.	Esq^{rs} Assistants
Thomas Carpenter		Aug^{e} H. Lawrence	
Charles Dickinson		Elisha W. King	
Richard Cunningham		John Morss	
William Hoghland		Michael M. Titus	
William Torrey		W^{m} A. Hardenbrook	
George Buckmaster			
Caleb Pell			
Nicholas Fish			
John Pell			

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

This being the period of the quarterly visitation of the Alms House & Bridewell. The Board performed that duty, after which the following business was transacted.

A petition of A Woodworth for permission to sell Soda Water in the park was read and referred to the park committee

A remonstrance from John Ireland against the assessment laid upon him for Amity S^{t} a similar remonstrance from Robert Thompson & *and* a request from William S. Miller, that he might be indulged with time for payment of his assessment for said street until November next were severally read & referred to the Street Commissioner

A petition for a well near Augustus & Pearl Street was granted upon the usual conditions under the direction of the Alderman & Assistant of the [377] ward and the Superintendant of repairs

A petition of Jacob S. Bundy for permission to sell vegetables in the Catharine market was read & referred to the Market Committee

A remonstrance from sundry inhabitants against fencing in Chatham Square was read and referred to the Street Commissioner

A petition of Eli Knapp, stating some mistake in the payments made by him of his assessment for Lespenard Street was referred to the Street Commissioner

A petition of John Thompson & John R. Murray stating, that the corporation in digging out the middle road had left a high bank, which endangered their property & praying the corporation to erect a wall on the road to support their ground was read and referred to the Road Committee

A petition of Benjamin Hilton stating, that he was the proprietor of the half of the lots N° 9 and 10 on Chatham S^t held under lease from this Board, that the buildings thereon at the fire on said street were destroyed and praying an extension of the lease was read & referred to the committee on opening Chamber Street, of which M^r Jones is chairman

A remonstrance from sundry *inha* [378] inhabitants against paving Front Street was read & referred to the Street Commissioner

A petition of Richard J. Lawrence praying permission to have some carriages, which he had saved from the late fire in Chatham Street sold by an auctioneer at the Coffee House (the ordinance of this Board, preventing sales of carriages at that place) was read and the prayer thereof granted.

A letter was received from the Fire wardens of the Second ward recommending Robert Wardell as a fire warden in the place of John Ellis deceased. Whereupon the board proceeded to ballot for a person to fill the vacancy, when Robert Wardell was elected.

A petition from Fire Engine Company N° 16 for an enlargement of their Engine house was received and referred to the Committee on the Fire Department

A letter was received from the Trustees of Columbia College, inviting the Common Council to attend the commencement of said college on Wednesday next. Whereupon it was resolved, that the Common Council will attend

A letter was read from D^r James Tillary stating great inconveniences, which the neighbourhood, where he resided, experienced in consequence of the regulation now making to the Street, which was referred to the Street Commissioner, with authority to [379] comply with the request contained in said letter, as far as he should judge adviseable

A petition of William Dennison was read, stating, that in consequence of the removal of the hay scales from George's Street to Gouverneur's Slip, his receipts were much diminished & therefore praying a remission of rent. Whereupon resolved, that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition

The Comptroller, on the petition of James Ridgeway to transfer his lease of N° 4 Magazine Street to Deborah Smith reported in favour of granting leave, which was agreed to

The Committee on the petition of sundry purchasers of Inclenbergh Lots presented a report, the consideration of which was postponed, until Monday next, when it is to be made the order of the day.

The Superintendant of repairs, to whom was referred the petition of Elias Nixen presented a report, which was referred to the Street Commissioner, who immediately presented an ordinance for repairing the drain in Liberty Street from William Street to Maiden Lane, which was passed and the rule being dispensed with, Jonathan Little, W^m Stilwell, Israel Horsfield, Robert Wardell and John Mowatt Junior were appointed assessors

The Street Commissioner presented ordinances for regulating Goerck Street, from Grand to Broome Street; for regulating Grand Street from [380] Goerck Street to the Bulkhead at the ferry stairs, and for paving Stanton Street from the Bowery Road to Orchard Street, which were passed. The assessors named were laid over

The following persons were appointed firemen, the Chief engineer certifying the corresponding vacancies

Hook & Ladder Company N° 2

Charles Wall Brewer N° 46 Catharine Street v. Garrit B. Abeel appointed fire warden

Washington Rich, Carpenter N° 95 Lombardy Street 7th ward v. William Russel deceased

Abner Curtis register of dogs presented an account of monies received &c. which was referred to the former committee on the Dog Laws

An account of Osborn & French peace officers for services rendered in taking up vagrants was read & referred to Mr King Mr Lawrence & Mr Titus

The Committee, to whom was referred the compensation to be made to the persons, who distinguished themselves at the fire in Chatham Street reported, "that from certain certificates, which they hold as also from other information, they are convinced, that John Mandison a yellow man was the person, who first ventured on the railing and extinguished the fire, which began to kindle, on the cupola of the jail and that the preservation of that building was principally owing to the exertions of said Mandison. The Committee are, therefore, of opinion, that by [381] way of rewarding the meritorious services of said Mandison, as an inducement also to similar acts of enterprize, a donation of forty dollars be presented to him as an acknowledgment from this board of the merit such conduct is entitled to.

(signed)

Peter Mesier
Auguse H. Lawrence

Which report was agreed to and the Comptroller was directed to report a warrant for payment

The Committee of Charity on the petition of Nicholas Dean reported as their opinion, that it would be proper to grant him a license to retail liquors free of expense, he being a discreet and honest, though a poor man, which report was agreed to.

The same committee on the petition of John Downing reported, "that they had enquired into the circumstances of the petitioner & cannot find, that he has any property, except a little furniture, the principal of which was saved from the late fire in Chatham Street and that there is no way to get the rent due from the petitioner but distress and sale of said furniture, which they think would be distressing the distressed. They, therefore recommend, that his rent be remitted and that he be discharged from the same

(signed)
Michael M. Titus
R. Cunningham
Peter Mesier

which report was agreed to

The City Inspector reported drafts of ordinances from No 200 to No 250 inclusive, which were passed, for the correction of nuisances

[382] The Road committee reported verbally that the bridge across Harlaem Creek was *re*-repaired and, that a considerable quantity of materials of the old bridge remained. Whereupon ordered, that they be sold under the direction of said committee

Resolved, that the Comptroller under the direction of the finance committee be authorised to borrow on the account of the Common Council a sum not exceeding forty thousand dollars and at an interest not exceeding seven per Cent and that his Honour the Mayor issue the bonds of the Corporation therefor

The Board agreed to meet at the New City Hall and that part of the former resolution, which directed the removal of the several offices was suspended till the further order of the Board

[383] The Comptroller reported cash in the treasury	5153.14
Warrants not presented	128.
	5025.14

Whereupon his Honour the Mayor was requested to issue his warrants for the following sums

Lawrance & Van Wart, watch	592.90
Farrington & White Do	592.90
Goodheart & Hays Do	755.30
James Hardie Asst City Inspector	62.50
Andrew Otterson Do	54.
R. Graves Asst Street Commr	67.50
Mott Hicks Do	54.
Adrian B. Holmes Do	54.
William P. Roome keeper of Potters field	31.
Thomas Brown, chief engineer 3 qrs to 1st July	375.
Willm Willis Coroner 1 Quarter	193.27
Peter Burtsell for stationary	123.19
Mary Jones, printing Collectors accts	10.50
Michael M. Titus for maintenance of M. Thalamus	134.
Amos Rooke keeper of signal poles 1 Quarter to 1st instt	82.50
Henry Brush repairing pumps in the 7th ward	63.53
William Butler Do 5th ward	13.58
Oliver Waldron overseer of roads one month to 1st instant	265.16
John Anderson 3d instalment for pier at Duane Basin	990.
Jacob Halsey repairing pier at the foot of Duane Street	426. 6
[384] Walter Allen repairs at Old Slip Dock	123.75
Archibald Smith on account of paving Sugar Loaf Street	200.
Charles Mooney, on account of Hester Street	200.
Henry Hulshart fees for inspecting the paving of Sugar Loaf, Rivington, Dover Bridge & Dover Sts	124.73
Richard Furman Superintendant of the Alms House	6000.
John H. Sickles, treasurer of the New City Hall	4000.

[385] In Common Council August 12th 1811

Present DeWitt Clinton Esqr Mayor President
Pierre C. Van Wyck Esqr Recorder

Thomas Carpenter
Charles Dickinson
Richard Cunningham
William Hoghland
William Torrey
George Buckmaster
Caleb Pell
John Pell
Esqs Aldermen

Peter Hawes
Auge H Lawrence
Elisha W. King
John Morss
Isaac S. Douglass
Michael M. Titus
Wm Welling.
Wm A Hardenbrook
Abm Van Gelder
Esqs Assistants

The Common Council met agreeably to adjournment in the New City Hall, in the room designed for the Mayor's office

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

Petitions were received from Houston and Connor for leave to transfer the lease of No 131 William Street to Jeddediah Morris; from Lawrance Heyer, stating, that the house on the lot in Chatham Street, which he holds under lease from the Board was destroyed by fire and that he was unable to rebuild it and praying that the Corporation would remit the rent due from him and receive from him a transfer of the lease; a petition from Henry White for the lease of a water lot at the East end of the Battery; a petition of James M'Donald to be permitted to mortgage lot No 3 Elm Street for the purpose of raising money to erect a house on the premises and the further petition of Thomas Eagerton praying a decision of the Board, on his former petition were [386] severally read and referred to the Comptroller

A petition from Fire Engine Company No 12, stating, that the present Engine was in a decayed state and praying that the Board would grant them a new one was read & referred to the committee on the Fire Department

The City Inspector reported drafts of ordinances for the correction of sundry nuisances from No 250 to No 300 *for the correction of sundry nuisances,* which were passed

A petition of the watchmen of the Second district, complaining, that the late arrangement of their watch house confined them exceedingly & praying, that the whole house might be allowed to them as heretofore was read and referred to the watch committee

A petition of John Holdron & others for permission for George M. Patton to sell meat in Greenwich village was read & referred to the market committee

A petition for a well at the corner of Sugar Loaf & Chappel Street was read & granted upon the usual terms under the direction of the Alderman and assistant of the ward and the Superintendant of repairs

A Communication from Jacob Delamontagnie & James Warner Special justices respecting certain articles of stolen property, which had been brought to the police office & had been retained by them to the [387] owner; but for which a suit was now brought against them by the pretended finder of them was read and ordered to lie for further consideration

Petitions of Isaac Auld & Alexander Brown for the office of measurers and a petition of Jacob Peterson to be appointed weigh master in place of James Fonerden, he having leased the hay scales from the owner were severally read & referred to the committee on applications

The following persons were appointed Firemen, the chief engineer certifying the corresponding vacancies

Fire Engine Company N° 2

John D. Webber painter N° 113 Division Street v. Jacob Vanderpool resigned

Engine Company N° 33

Cornelius Bogart, brassfounder Cherry Street 7th ward v. Conklin Burtis resigned

Nathaniel Thorn, cartman, Spring Street 8th ward v Cha^s M'Evers resigned.

N° 36

Zebulon Brinkerhoff Stone cutter Chapel Street 5th ward v. Benjamin Caywood resigned

Edward Blake carman Spring Street 8th ward v. David Hartshorne resigned

The Street Commissioner on the petition of John Ireland, Robert Thompson, & William G. Miller reported generally against granting the prayer of the petition; but added, that in a conference with some of the petitioners, he found it would be an accommodation to them, if time was granted for [388] payment of the assessment until the 20th day of November next. It was, therefore, resolved, that it be referred to the Committee on assessments with authority to grant that time of payment, if they judged it proper

A petition for fencing in Chatham Square was read and ordered to be filed

The Street Commissioner, to whom was referred the remonstrance against fencing in Chatham Square reported, " that he has not sufficient discernment to see any truth in the objections proposed, against fencing in the square. It is said it will stop the free communication of nine or ten streets. This is not true, the fence will stop no street, and he cannot see, why a load of hay, wood or provisions would not be as safe along side of the fence as in the open space. But it is said it will injure trade. If this should prove true, as it respects the petty auctions and in that respect only, a great purpose would be gained, as they are the greatest nuisance about the place and, in many respects, worse than the old iron shops so much complained of in the City of London

In the petition for paving, a calculation is made leaving out more than half the ground to be paved: but why pave it, as there is neither mud nor water there, but a hard gravel much better for an open space in that situation, with so much declivity. To pave it, therefore, would abate no nuisance

A plan is herewith presented for fencing and improving it, which, in the opinion of the S^t Commissioner is the best thing, that can be done with [389] it; but if this should be thought inexpedient at present, a little more attention will be requisite to keep it clear of incumbrances and filth "

(signed) Samuel Stilwell

which report was agreed to and the Square directed to be fenced in agreeably to the plan presented.

The Street Commissioner presented the assessment for paving Delancey Street, which was confirmed and Noah Jarvis was appointed collector

A letter from Samuel Cowdrey, Esquire, late attorney for the Corporation, was received, stating, that in the suit of Peter Schermerhorn against them for overflowing his rope walk, in filling up the Collect, the Supreme court had rendered judgment for the plaintiff for the amount of damages found by the jury viz $1103 dollars $^{98}/_{100}$ damages & forty five dollars $^{8}/_{100}$. Whereupon ordered, that the said communication be referred to M^r King M^r Hawes & the Recorder

A petition of William Todd to be paid for digging out Grand Street was read & referred to the Street Commissioner

The Street Commissioner, to whom was referred the petition of Eli Knapp for relief from the assessment for paving Lispenard Street reported " that M^r Knapp says, that in [390] January, he paid the

Collector three dollars & made him a pair of boots, on account of his assessment

Afterwards the Collector Jonathan O. Delavan was called to account for the moneys collected and proved delinquent. He then was requested to return under oath the delinquents on the assessment, which he did and M^r Knapp was returned for the whole amount of the sum assessed on him. The delinquents were reported & a warrant granted to Noah Jarvis to collect the same.

M^r Knapp was made acquainted with this and warned not to pay Delavan. He then called at the Street Commissioners office, where the warning was repeated by Doctor Graves. Notwithstanding M^r Knapp paid to Delavan the remainder, as is supposed in order to save the three dollars and the price of the boots. From the information the Street Commissioner has been able to obtain on this subject, he is induced to believe, that Delavan received the three dollars and the boots at nine dollars, making together twelve dollars on account of the assessment, while authorised to collect it, & that this sum ought to be deducted from M^r Knapp's assessment and be compelled to pay the balance."

(signed) Samuel Stilwell

The Board of Health presented a report of their proceedings for the month of July, which was read and ordered to be filed. They requested an advance of five hundred dollars to defray the expenses of the past month, which was agreed to and the Comptroller was directed to report a warrant for the same

The ordinances passed on the Fifth instant [391] for regulating Goerck Street, Grand Street, & for paving Stanton Street were called up & Ezekiel Bishop, Solomon Wheeler, Abraham Hunt, Robert Coles & Stephen Kingsland were appointed assessors

On motion, Samuel Delamater was appointed assessor in the place of George Cleland deceased on the several ordinances, on which the said George Cleland was named.

The Committee on the Fire Department, to whom the account of Henry Willett had been referred, reported, that, in their opinion, the account should be paid. Whereupon the Comptroller was directed to report a warrant for two hundred & forty three $^{25}/_{100}$ dollars for payment of the same

It having been represented, that the statue, which, previous to the late revolution, had been erected by the Corporation of this city and placed in one of the squares of the same in honour of William

Pitt, the first Earl of Chatham, though, at present, in a very mutilated state, was, on account of its excellent workmanship worthy of preservation & would be acceptably received by the academy of the Fine Arts of the State of New York. It was resolved, on motion of Mr Hawes, that the same be presented to the said academy of arts

The report of the Committee on the Inclenbergh lots was called up and after some discussion, the further consideration was [392] postponed. The Clerk of the Board was directed to prepare and lay before the Common Council at their next meeting, a statement of the proceedings had by the Common Council on that subject

Ordered, that the Committee of laws be authorised to employ a person to engross & prepare for the press under the direction of said committee a copy of the laws & ordinances of this corporation and such of the laws of the state as relate to the city and also to superintend the printing of the same.

The ferry Committee verbally reported, that they would recommend, that the subject of trespass said to be committed by John Jackson respecting a lot of this corporation at Brooklyn, which had been referred to the Attorney of the Board with derections to obtain possession of the same by ejectment or otherwise

[393] The Comptroller reported Cash in the Treasury	$6282.07
Warrants not presented	1377.
	4905.07

Whereupon his Honour the Mayor was requested to issue his warrants for payment of the following sums

John Mandison, donation for extinguishing the fire at the Jail 19th of May last	40.	
Saltus, Son & Co Cordage for signal poles	19.95	
James Richardson, cleaning wells in 1st and 4th wards & at Hell Gate ferry	42.37	
Daniel Woolsey 2d instalment for bulkhead & ferry stairs at Brooklyn	672.50	
Thomas & George Lovett balance for filling the head of Peck Slip	596.	
Charles Mooney on Laight & Hester Sts	400.	
Moran & Terney on Stone Street	211.	
Bayley & Graham on acct of Orchard st	150.	
Archibald Smyth on account of regulating Thompson Street	100.	
William Torrey, chairman of Lamp Committee for payment of Lamplighters	500.	
John H Sickles, treasurer of New City Hall	2000.	
		4881.82
	Balance in the treasury	23.25

[394] In Common Council Augt 19th 1811

Present DeWitt Clinton Esquire Mayor President

Peter Mesier
Thomas Carpenter
William Hoghland
William Torrey
George Buckmaster
Caleb Pell
Nicholas Fish
John Pell
Esqs Aldermen

Samuel Jones junr
Peter Hawes
Elisha W. King
John Morss
Wm Welling
Abm Van Gelder junr
Wm A Hardenbrook
Esqs Assistants

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

An account of Mills & Cunningham for services on Sundays as Marshals was referred to the Comptroller

A petition of Abednego Robinson praying a remission of a penalty incurred by exporting flour, previous to its being inspected was referred to the following committee with authority to remit the proportion belonging to this Board, if they should judge it proper. The Committee appointed are Alderman Mesier Buckmaster Carpenter

A petition of James Mills to be appointed Captain of the Greenwich watch was referred to the Watch Committee

A petition of William Patton for stall No 51 Fly Market; a recommendation of Isaac Astill as Sweeper of said market and a petition of Andw Minuse for a stand in Spring Street market was read & referred to the Market Committee

[395] A petition of Thomas M'Conaghy praying payment of a bond due to him from the Corporation for ground taken for Canal Street was received and referred to the Comptroller.

A representation from sundry inhabitants, stating that the covers of the sewers in Front Street at the foot of Pine Street was in a dangerous situation was referred to the Superintendant of repairs with directions to have them immediately repaired and also to cause the sewer in Water Street nigh the Fly Market to be opened and repaired

A petition for paving Washington Street between Murray & Warren Street; a petition for paving First Street from Grand to Broome Street and a petition for widening the walks in Cross St between Duane & Pearl Street were read & referred to the Street Commissioner

A remonstrance from sundry inhabitants against the present mode of granting permission to sink wells was read & referred to Mr Jones Mr Hawes Mr King

A petition of Ann Murrill for licence gratis to retail liquors was read & referred to the committee on charity

A petition of David Doty for appointment as a measurer was read & referred to the Committee on applications

[396] A petition of Diana Waterman praying remission of a penalty incurred under the Sunday law was read. Whereupon resolved, that all proceedings be stayed until the further order of the Board.

A further petition of Jacob Peterson to be appointed a weigh master and a resignation of James Fonarden of the office of weigh master were read. Whereupon resolved that the resignation of James Fonarden be accepted and that Jacob Peterson be appointed a weigher

A petition of Rodman Bowne Lessee of Catharine Slip ferry, praying an extension of his lease for said ferry for the terms of two years from May next, he having finished the improvement of the Slip & stairs, at Brooklyn, agreeably to his contract was read & referred to the ferry committee

A petition of Fire Engine Company N° 36 for 2 additional lengths of leader was read and referred to the Committee on the Fire Department, with authority to grant the same.

The Committee, to whom was referred the petition of J. Waterman & William Cairns for a straight line along Pearl Street from *of* the property of Ephraim Brasher deceased reported "that they had examined the subject with attention and are of opinion, that it would improve Pearl Street in that place to make the line straight from the Westerly corner [397] of a small brick shop on the property aforesaid to the westerly corner of the same property adjoining the Engine House, more particularly described by a red line drawn on a sketch herewith presented, and, therefore recommend, that thenceforth this be considered as the true line of Pearl Street, at this particular place

E W. King
(signed) G. Buckmaster
Samuel Stilwell

which report was agreed to.

The City Inspector reported drafts of ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances from N° 300 to N° 350 inclusive, which were passed.

The Comptroller on the petition of Connor & Houston to transfer Lot N° 131 William Street to Jedediah Morris reported, in favour of the petition, which was agreed to

The Comptroller, on the petition of James M'Donald reported, that as the quarters rent had been paid to the 1st instant, it would not be improper for him to mortgage the same Which report was agreed to

The Comptroller reported, that he had examined the acct^{s} of Jacob P. Roome Sup^{t} of repairs

On 1st Jan^{y} last, a balance due from him	\$23.72
He has received from that time to 12th inst^{t}	6521.
	6544.72
E[x]pended on public account agreeably to vouchers produced	6546.66
Leaving a balance due the Superin^{t}	1.94

Which account was ordered to be filed

[398] The Committee on the petition for widening Bridge Street at the East end reported, that, in their opinion the prayer of the petition ought to be granted, which was agreed to and the Attorney of the Board was directed to take legal measures for carrying the same into effect

The Street Commissioner presented the assessment for regulating and repaving part of Pearl Street between Chatham & Elm Street; but as the Corporation was deeply interested in it, he recommended, that it undergo a further investigation previous to the appointment of a Collector. Whereupon, it was referred to the Committee on Streets and the Street *Committee* [Commissioner]

The Street Commissioner presented an ordinance for paving on the Westerly side of Peck Slip, between Water & Front Streets & repaving part of Front Street, which was passed. The Assessors named were laid over

The Street Commissioner presented assessments for paving Pump Street from Mott to Mulberry Streets, and from Mulberry to Orange Streets, which were confirmed and Noah Jarvis was appointed Collector

The Street Commissioner presented an assessment for regulating & paving Second Street from Broome to Stanton Street which was confirmed and Morris D. Camp appointed Collector

The Street Commissioner to whom was referred the petition of William Todd reported, that [399] on examination of the Account referred to in the petition, he finds a balance in favour of William Todd of $\$160\,{}^{73}/_{100}$ for digging and regulating Grand S^{t} from Pitt to Goerck Streets and also $\$39\,{}^{50}/_{100}$ due to the Surveyor being his fees for survey & profile and assessment list of the same, which in the opinion of the Street Commissioner ought to be paid. He therefore, recommends, that the Comptroller be directed to report warrants accordingly"

(signed) Samuel Stilwell

Which report was agreed to and the Comptroller directed to report warrants accordingly.

The Street Commissioner presented a return of Delinquents on the assessment for regulating Thompson Street and on the assessment for paving Sugar Loaf Street. Whereupon warrants were ordered to the Collector for collecting the same viz Noah Jarvis.

The ordinance passed on the 22d July last for assessing the expense for repairing the Carriage way on the West side of Coenties Slip and for regulating Lewis Street were called up and Samuel Delamater, Frederick Eckhart, Samuel Skidmore, James Davidson & William Stone were appointed assessors on the former and Ezekiel Bishop, Robert Coles, Abraham Hart, Solomon Wheeler and Stephen Kingsland were appointed in the latter

An ordinance to provide a compensation for the Aldermen, who shall attend as judges of the Court of General Sessions of the peace &c &c was reported by the Committee on Laws & ordinances, to whom the subject had been referred. The same being read by paragraphs was agreed to, and the Blanks [400] *the blanks* having been filled, the ordinance was passed in the words following

A Law

To provide a compensation for the Aldermen, who shall attend as judges of the Court of General Sessions of the peace, on the notice and request of the Mayor or Recorder for their attendance; and a compensation for the Assistant Clerk of the Special justices for preserving the peace in the said city.

Whereas by an act of the Legislature of this State, entitled "An Act to improve the police of the City of New York and for other purposes" passed April 9th 1811, it is enacted, that it shall be the duty of two of the Aldermen of the said city to attend as judges of the Court of General Sessions of the peace in and for the City and county of New York, when notified and required for that purpose by the Mayor or recorder and that it shall and may be lawful for the Common Council to provide a suitable compensation for their attendance; therefore

1st Be it ordained by the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York in Common Council convened, that the Aldermen of the said city, who shall attend as judges of the said court, when notified and required for that purpose, by the Mayor or Recorder, shall severally and respectively be allowed as a compensation for their attendance each, the sum of four dollars per day for each and every day, that such alderman shall actually attend as a judge of the said court, to be paid out of the Treasury of this city; And the certificate of the Clerk of the said court shall be sufficient proof of such attendance; provided that the compensation shall not be allowed for the attendance of more than two Aldermen on any one day; Provided further, that the compensation [401] shall commence from the first Monday of May last.

2d And be it further ordained, that the Assistant Clerk of the Special justices for preserving the peace in the said city shall be allowed as a compensation for his services the annual salary of 500 dollars to be paid in equal quarterly payments out of the treasury of this city, the said compensation to commence from the time of the appointment of the said Clerk

A communication was received from the Board of Health on the subject of the accounts of said department, which was ordered to be filed

Mr Hawes presented the following resolutions

1st Resolved, that the Street Commissioner & City Inspector be respectively directed to report to the Common Council at their next meeting, the names of the persons employed by or attached to their respective offices, together with the duties assigned & compensation allowed to them respectively, and whether there are any supernumeraries attached to either of their offices; and generally in what manner the duties assigned to persons so attached to them are performed

2d Resolved, that the Board of Health be requested to report to the Common Council, the names of the several persons employed by them with the duties assigned & compensation allowed to them respectively

Which reports were agreed to

The report of the Committee on the subject [402] of the Inclenbergh Lots was called up and after some discussion thereon, Mr Hardenbrook moved to postpone the further consideration of the same. A division having been called by Mr Hawes, it was carried in the affirmative as follows

Affirmative
Alderman J. Pell
C. Pell
Buckmaster
Torrey
Mr Morss
Welling
Hardenbrook 7

Negative
Alderman Mesier
Fish
Hoghland
Mr Hawes
King
Van Gelder 6

On motion of Alderman Hoghland, Resolved, that the Bellevue Committee be authorised to give to James Vanderbeck a sum not exceeding $30 as a compensation for a horse, which he lost, while in the employment of the Corporation.

Ordered, that the Street Commissioner and Superintendant of repairs be vested with authority to cause the Old Canal in Canal Street to be kept open, if they judge it proper

Resolved, that the persons convicted of petit larcenies and Anthony a Mulatto boy convicted of an assault at the last court of General sessions for this city be and are hereby directed to be employed at labour on the public works under the direction of the Bellevue Committee

The Street Commissioner presented the following leases of lots, which had been sold at auction agreeably to the act for payment of assessments [403] due upon them, the same having been examined by Mr Hawes as Council were directed to be executed viz No 934 on the East side of Mott Street between Spring & Broome Street to Stephen Ludlam for ten years from 13th of August 1811: Lot No 932 on the East side of Mott Street between Spring Street and Broome Street to Stephen Ludlum for ten years from the 13th August 1811. A lot part of Delancey farm, on the Southerly side of Delancey Street between Ridge & Pitt Streets next to the corner lot on Ridge Street 25 feet front and rear & 100 feet deep to Stephen Ludlam for 15 years from 13th August 1811. Two lots on the Westerly side of Cannon Street, bounded Northerly by the property of Marinus Willett, Westerly by the Estate of John Lawrance, Southerly by ground of Robert Troup and Easterly by Cannon Street, each lot 25 feet front to Amos Curtis for 8 years from 13th August 1811. A lot on Delancey Street at the corner of Ridge Street to Charles Watts for 17 years from 13th August 1811. Three lots part of Delancey's farm on the Westerly side of Pitt Street between Stanton and North Streets, bounded Northerly by ground of Ephraim Hart, Westerly by ground of Jannet Montgomery, Southerly by Stanton Street, Easterly by Pitt Street being three lots of 25 feet each front & rear & 75 feet deep to Charles Watts for 34 years from 13th August 1811. One Lot No 128 situate on the North side of Spring Street between Mercer & Green Streets to Hector Scott for 9 years from 13th Augt 1811. One lot No 981 on the West side of Mott Street between Spring & Broome Street to Hector Scott for 4 years from the 13th August 1811. One lot No 929 situate on the East side of Mott Street, between Spring & Broome Streets to Hector Scott for ten years from [404] the 13th day of August 1811

The Comptroller reported Cash in the Treasury	17287.85
Warrant not presented	12.
	17,275.85

Whereupon his Honour the Mayor was requested to issue his warrants for payment of the following sums

Lawrence & Van Wart, watch	592.90	
Farrington & White Do	592.90	
Goodheart & Hays Do	767.55	
W. Fish, treasurer 1 Qrs Salary to 14th inst	125.	
G N Bleeker Comptr 1 Qr to 15th inst	375.	
Thomas Hazard, keeper of City prison & 2 assistants to 18th inst 1 Qr	512.50	
Joseph Baker, liquors &c: for Com: coun	31.75	
Mathew Dikeman repg pumps in 6th 8th 9th & 10th wards	175.81	
Stilwell & Bebee Do 4th & 6th wards	110.75	
George Collis, Iron works for pumps	79.43	
Henry Willett repairs to Engines to 18 June	243.25	
Israel Haviland Do Do to 30th July	559.63	
Bailey & Graham on acct of Orchard St	350.	
Moran & Ternay balance for paving Bridge Street	288.43	
Archibald Smyth for Thompson & Grand Sts on account	165.	
John Bayley paving West side of Coenties Slip & head of Old Slip	90.62	
Chas Dickinson treas Board of health	500.	
Jacob P. Roome to pay sundries	1230.	
Wm Torrey chairman of lamp come for oil	750.	
Richard Furman Supt of Alms House	3000.	
[405] John H Sickles treasurer of New City Hall	2500.	
——— another warrant to	1500.	
Leonard Bleeker, treasurer of New York Free School	2500.	
James Richardson, opening & laying new drain in Liberty Street	57.56	
		17098.08
Balance in treasury		177.77

Alderman Mesier on account of monuments, the sum to be adjusted by the Comptroller

[406] In Common Council August 26th 1811

Present His Honour DeWitt Clinton Mayor Prest
Pierre C. Van Wyck Esqr recorder

Peter Mesier
Thomas Carpenter
Charles Dickinson
Richd Cunningham
William Torrey
William Hoghland
George Buckmaster
Caleb Pell
Nicholas Fish
John Pell
Esqrs [Aldermen]

Saml Jones junr
Peter Hawes
Auge H. Lawrence
John Morss
Michl M. Titus
William Welling
Wm A. Hardenbrook
Esqrs [Assistants]

The minutes of last meeting were read & approved

A petition of Thomas B. Clarke for grant of the land under water opposite to his property on the North river between the lands of Bishop Moore and Cornelius Ray were read & referred to the Comptroller and Street Commissioner

A petition of Morris Ackerman to be appointed Captain of the Greenwich watch & a petition for a watchman at the corner of Grand & Suffolk Street was read & referred to the watch committee

A petition from the livery stable keepers, praying the Corporation to establish the stands of carriages was read & referred to the Committee appointed on the subject of regulating hackney carriages

A petition from fire Engine Company [407] N° 2 for additional leader and for additional men & a petition from hook & ladder company N° 2, stating, that an enlargement to their Engine House or a new one would be necessary were read & referred to the committee on the Fire department, the latter with discretionary power to act as they should judge adviseable.

A petition for paving First Street from Broome to North Street and an account of Andrew Hammersley for money paid on a lot sold by mistake for an assessment, supposed to be due, was read & referred to the Street Commissioner

A letter from Samuel Cowdrey Esqr, stating, that he was retained as Counsel for persons interested in the opening of Chamber Street; that several were lessees of the Corporation, of whom in some cases the whole of the ground would be required for opening the St and in others only a part; that the jury previous to giving their verdict, wished the Corporation to declare whether the lessees of whom a part should be taken would be subject to the whole or a proportionable part of the rent reserved. Whereupon resolved, that it is inexpedient for the Board to take any order in the premises.

A letter from David Gelston Esq^r^ was read, stating, that he understood the Common Council were about to remove with their officers to the New City Hall & that the ground of the Old City Hall would be for disposal & requesting from the Board information of the extent of the lot and of the terms, upon which they would [408] dispose of the same. Whereupon ordered, that the same be referred to M^r^ Lawrence M^r^ Hawes & Ald^n^ Mesier

A memorial of Abraham Gordon, on the subject of a fine imposed on him for not registering a dog was read & referred to the Committee on the Dog Law

The Superintendant of repairs presented the following report viz, that agreeably to the order of the board, he had caused the covers of the drains at the corner of Pine & Front Street to be repaired; but in going to have them fixed, the neighbours objected, stating that if they should be put down, their cellars, in case of any heavy rain, would be inundated; and that as he was persuaded the objection was well founded, he recommended, that the subject should be referred to the Street Commissioner, with authority to devise a suitable mode of carrying off the water—Whereupon ordered, that the said report be agreed to & that the Street Commissioner take the necessary measures for carrying the same into effect

The following person was appointed a fireman, the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancy,

Fire Engine Company N° 30

Samuel Dodge Cartman N° 87 Harman Street 7th ward. v. John Lawrance resigned.

The Market Committee on the petition of William Patten reported, that Edward Patten Junior being willing to relinquish the stand N° [409] *N°* 51 Fly Market and no transaction of a pecuniary nature being connected with the relinquishment, they recommend, the same to be granted to William Patten: Which report was agreed to

The City Inspector and Street Commissioner in obedience to the resolution of the Board, of the 19th instant, requiring them to report the persons attached to their respective offices &c presented their several reports, which were referred to the following committee, to whom also it was referred to confer with the Board of Health as to the persons employed by them and of their several duties. The Committee appointed were M^r^ Hawes M^r^ Welling M^r^ Lawrence

The Comptroller presented the following

"The Comptroller respectfully informs the Board that the assessment books for the tax of the present year, have been returned to his office and will be made up with all expedition

By an act passed at the last session of the Legislature of this state, a deduction of one third is to be made from the assessments on all lots & buildings, which have been assessed on account of Canal Street, excepting those lots, which front thereon. The deficiency occasioned by the said deduction is to be borne and paid by the freeholders & inhabitants of the City of New York and is to be assessed on the said freeholders and inhabitants of the City of New York and collected in the manner directed by the act for the assessment and collection of taxes. The amount to be [410] added to the general tax in conformity with the above mentioned act will be about $47,000. This sum added to the ordinary tax will make an aggregate of near $177,000 agreeably to the following statement

Tax for 1811	$120,000
Charges & deficiencies about	9.700
	129.700
Proportion of Canal Street assessment about	47.000
	176.700

Whether the whole of this tax should be levied the present year, or a proportional share of the Canal Street assessment be taken and the residue placed on future taxes, the board will please to decide

The subject is brought before the Board for such determination, as they may think just

(signed) G. N. Bleeker Comptroller

Whereupon resolved, that the sum allowed by the act as the proportion to be borne by the city for the expenses of Canal Street be added to the sum to be levied by tax for the present year & *and* that the Comptroller make out the tax books accordingly.

The Street Commissioner presented a return of delinquents upon the assessment for Orchard Street. Whereupon ordered, that a warrant issue to the Collector Noah Jarvis for *collector* [collection]

The Street Commissioner presented the assessment of the expenses for the curb & gutter in Beach Street along Hudson Street, which was confirmed & Noah Jarvis was appointed [411] Collector.

The Street Commissioner presented an ordinance for repaving the carriage way in Marketfield Street from Broadway to the Westerly kennel of Greenwich Street, which was passed; and the rule being dispensed with, John Nitchie junior, Daniel Smith, Isaac Sebring, Asa Holden & William Stilwell were appointed assessors

The Street Commissioner presented an ordinance for paving First Street from Grand to Broome Street, which was passed. The Street Commissioner stated, that one side of the Street was owned by one family who did not reside here; & who objected to the pavement, but that the work would be a public convenience. The Assessors named were laid over.

The Comptroller and Street Commissioner, to whom was referred the petition of Thomas Egenton, soliciting a lease of the vacant ground adjoining his lot on Pearl (late Magazine) Street, near the corner of Cross Street reported "that they expected to have made an arrangement with George Janeway for an exchange of part of this ground, which would be mutually advantageous; but as yet they have not been able to agree.

The lot in question would be peculiarly beneficial to the petitioner, and he has offered to take it on lease for 21 years at $125 per annum. This sum the subscribers think to be a fair & equitable one and respectfully submit to the Board the propriety of acceding to the offer; provided an agreement [412] should not be made with Mr Janeway for an exchange on or before Wednesday the 28th instant

(signed) G. N. Bleeker Comptr
Samuel Stilwell St Comr

Which report was agreed to

The Committee on the petition of George Meiner, whose house was pulled down by order of the Magistrates at the fire in Chatham Street reported verbally, that they had agreed to submit the amount of damages, which he had sustained to the arbitration of Morris D. Camp & William Bush, whose report they submitted, which was as follows.

"Whereas the Subscribers having been appointed Jurors to ascertain the damages sustained by George Minier in a certain building in William Street belonging to the said George Minier, which was by the authority of the City of New York ordered to be pulled down at the late fire in Chatham Street. Now the said George Minier having produced the affidavits of John T. Gardner & Abraham Rook, it appears thereby, that the said house was demolished as aforesaid and was, in their opinion, worth the sum of three hundred & fifty dollars, which, from the best opinion, we can form, is correct. The damages sustained by the said George Minier as aforesaid are, therefore, in our opinion three hundred and fifty dollars

Witness our hands August 8th 1811

(signed) Morris D Camp
William Bush

Whereupon resolved, that the Comptroller report a warrant for the said sum, on the said George Miniers executing a release to the Common Council of all claims & demands whatsoever in consequence of the damage so sustained as aforesaid

[413] Resolved, that the Market Committee have authority to remove from the markets such hawkers, chapmen & pedlars as they shall judge proper.

The following resolution was presented by Mr Hardenbrook. Resolved, that it be referred to the Road Committee to work in their discretion such parts of the road from the church at Hamilton Square to Harsin Ville and to the Old Post road, as they shall judge proper. On the question, of agreeing to the same it passed in the affirmative in manner following, a division having been called by Mr Hardenbrook

Affirmative				Negative	
Mr	Recorder	Mr	Jones	Alderman	Carpenter
Alderman	Mesier		Lawrence		Torrey
	Dickinson		Titus		Buckmaster
	Cunningham		Hardenbrook	Mr	Hawes
	Hoghland		12	Mr	Morss
	C. Pell			Mr	Welling 6
	Fish				
	J Pell				

On motion resolved, that the Superintendant of repairs take immediate measures for the repairs of the wharf at the head of the Coffee House Slip

VOLUME TWENTY-FOUR
OF
MANUSCRIPT MINUTES

September 2, 1811 to March 23, 1812

[1] In Common Council September 2d 1811.

Present. The Honbl De Witt Clinton Mayor, President

Thomas Carpenter
William Hoghland
William Torry
George Buckmaster
Caleb Pell
John Pell.
Aldm

Samuel Jones Junr
Peter Hawes
Augustine H Lawrence
Elisha W King
John Morss
William Welling
William A Hardenbrook
Abraham Vn Gelder
Asstns

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A Memorial of John Johnston respecting an account for Ironmongery which the Superintendant of Repairs declined certifying was read and refered to the Committee of Repairs.

A Petition of Josiah Richards for Stall No 30 in Fly Market, Petitions from James Van Riper, from Elizabeth Deshay, and Rachel Nathaway, for Hucksters Stands in the Hudson Market, were read and referred to the Market Committee.

[2] A Petition of Joshua Parker praying indulgence for payment of Assessment on Leonard St till 8th of November was granted on condition of Petitioners giving his note for the same payable at that time.

A Petition of Thomas Knox Executor of Nicholas Gouverneur deceased, praying that an assessment laid upon said Estate for orchard St may be paid out of monies paid by said Estate for regulating Gouverneur St which has not yet been regulated. Ordered to be referred to the Street Commissioner.

A Petition from Woodstock Glass Manufactory praying the loan of a Fire Engine until they can procure one for themselves, was read and referred to the Committee on the Fire department with authority to loan or sell to the said Company any Fire Engine which is not used by any Fire Company.

Petitions from Mary Wheeler and Diana Waterman to receive Licences gratis to retail Spirituous Liquors they being Widows and in indigent circumstances, were read and referred to the Committee of Charity.

[3] A Remonstrance against widening Bridge S^{t} was read and refered to M^{r} Jones M^{r} Lawrence and the Street Commissioner with authority to suspend the proceedings ordered at the last meeting of the Board.

A Petition of Pat M^{c}Kay on the subject of his lots at Inclenbergh was read and laid on the table, to be taken up when the subject of the Inclenbergh Lots was considered

A Petition of John Slidell and others proprietors of ground included in the Plot designated in the Map of the Commissioners for laying out Streets and Roads, by the Title of the Parade praying the Corporation would make arrangements for the purchase of the same, was read, and referred to the General Superintending Committee of Surveys viz Ald Mesier. Fish. Hoghland. Mess^{rs} Jones and. Hardenbrook.

A Petition of the Proprietors of the Lots upon which the damages and expences for opening Canal S^{t} have been assessed—praying the Corporation would suspend the Collection of said Assessment until the Petitioners can have an opportunity of making a further [4] application to the Legislature for relief was read and referred to Ald^{n} Carpenter. Buckmaster M^{r} Hawes.

The Attorney of the Board presented a Report of the valuation made by the Jury for opening Chamber S^{t} amounting to \$15816,$^{81}/_{100}$ which was ordered to be referred to the Street Commissioner with directions to procure an ordinance for assessing the same upon the persons benefitted thereby

The Attorney of the Board made a representation on the subject of rent due by Henry Mehan sub-Lessee of Luke Kip and also of rent due by James Abeel—which was referred to the Finance Committee.

The Committee of Wharves on the Petitions of John R Murray and W^{m} Ogden for payment of one half of the expences of making part of West street at the north side of Albany Bason on the North River. Reported. That on examination of the Grant to the applicant for the land under water, which is made by that part of West Street which has been made by him as aforesaid, they find that he is bound by his Grant to make the same and keep it in repair at his own expense

[5] The Committee therefore recommend that the Bonds of the Corporation be given to the applicant for the proportion payable by the Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty. of the City of New York of the expenses of making the pier on the Northerly side of the said Albany Bason but without including therein or allowing the applicant

any part of the expences of making that part of West Street referred to in the application

Thomas Carpenter
S Jones Jun^r^
G Buckmaster

which was agreed to and the Comptroller was directed to prepare bonds accordingly

The Street Commissioner on the petition for paving Washington Street from Murray to Warren Street reported that the proprietors of the ground adjoining the street are absent from the City and therefore their signatures to the petition could not be obtained but he stated the Street was almost impassable and therefore he presented an ordinance which he thought ought to pass

Whereupon the ordinance was passed and the rule being dispensed with. Samuel Delamater Lemuel Skidmore William Stone Joseph Dederer and Frederick Eckert were appointed [6] assessors.

The Street Commissioner presented a Deed from the Corporation to Henry White for land on Elm Street and a Deed from Henry White and Ann his wife to the Corporation for land on Elm Street which were referred to M^r^ Hawes as counsel, for examination.

The Comptroller presented a Grant for land under Water in the Fourth Ward on the East River to James Roosevelt. A Lease to Thomas Egerton for a Lot on Pearl (late Magazine Street) for twenty one years which having been examined by M^r^ Hawes were ordered to be executed. Also a Release from George Meiner for all claims in consequence of his house being pulled down at the late fire in Pearl Street which having also been examined by M^r^ Hawes was ordered to be filed in the Comptrollers Office.

Upon the recommendation of the Street Commissioner James Masterton was appointed an assessor for the drain in Liberty Street in place of Jonathan Little who is absent from the City

[7] The Street Commissioner to whom was referred an account of Andrew Hamersley for money paid by him to Jasper Ward for transfer of a lot sold by mistake by the Corporation for an assessment due. reported. That the account was correct M^r^ Hamersley having before paid the assessment, he therefore recommended that the Comptroller report a warrant for $\$43.^{97}/_{100}$ in payment of the same, which was agreed to

The Street Commissioner presented an assessment for paving the West side of Coentius Slip, which was confirmed and Morris De Camp was appointed collector.

The Ordinance passed 26 aug^st^ for paving First Street was called up and Ezekiel Bishop Robert Coles, Stephen Kingsland Abraham Hart and Solomon Wheeler were appointed Assessors

An account of the Proprietors of the Evening Post and of the Commercial Advertiser for advertisement in thier papers were presented by the Comptroller with a request, as they amounted to a very large sum that they might be referred to a Committee to examine and to establish the principle as to what advertisements are to be paid for by the [8] Corporation—ordered that the same be referred to the Finance Committee.

The Comptroller to whom was referred the petition of Lawrence Heyer Reported, That about two years since a considerable balance appearing against the petitioner for ground rent the account was put in the hands of the Attorney of the Board. M^r^ Heyer applied to the Common Council for a suspension of the time of payment; and it appears from the minutes that the sale of the Lots was postponed several times, and indulgence given the petitioner on condition of his making payment at a future day. In consequence of this the suit was suspended, and on the 1^st^ of may last the sum of $787.$^{50}/_{100}$ remained due, on which no payment has since been made. The two Lots of ground N^o^ 102. and 103 on the Southerly side of Chatham Street, are under lease to L Heyer for 21 years from the 1^st^ of may 1806. for $450. per An^n^ and no Assignment has been made of either. Samuel Tooker purchased at the sheriffs sale, one of these lots, which L Heyer had previously leased to a person, without obtaining permission from the Board agreably to a condition of the lease. In a communication received from [9] Samuel Cowdry Esq^r^ the late attorney of the Board on the 29^th^ January 1810. he informed the Common Council " that on the suit commenced by him in behalf of the Corporation against Lawrence Heyer for arrears of rent, he had received the sum of $665 from Samuel Tooker and Alexander Fink, who purchased the leases of M^r^ Heyer, and who requested that the leases might be assigned to those persons. It was ordered that the Comptroller be directed to assign the said leases as requested upon the rents which are due being paid into the Treasury." The sum above mentioned was paid by M^r^ Cowdry into the Treasury, but no assignment has taken place, in consequence of the balance not being paid. The Buildings were destroyed by the fire in may last, and M^r^ Tooker is not willing to make any further payments on the lot he purchased unless he can obtain a new lease for both Lots at a lower rate. From all the information which the subscriber has obtained, it is believed that L Heyer is unable to make good the deficiency and should he be pressed by a suit he will probably take the benefit of the Insolvent Act. His situation is such that there appears no prospect of obtaining any thing from him. Should the Board think [10] proper to take the ground back it is respectfully proposed to lease the same at Public auction for the remainder of the term, subject to the usual conditions of building &^{c} and from the number of valuable houses now erecting in Chatham Street it is thought that an advantageous sale might be made

Respectfully submitted

G N Bleecker. Comp^r

Whereupon Resolved that the Comptroller be authorised to settle with said L Heyer by accepting from him a transfer and surrender of his lease, and that the said lots be leased at auction by the Comptroller.

The Ferry Committee on the petition of Rodman Bowne Reported That the Petitioner has fully complied with the contract made with your Committee for filling in the Ferry slip and repairing the Ferry stairs on the Long Island side, and that he has expended for that purpose the sum of \$591 $^{78}/_{100}$ and that the Petitioner according to the terms of that contract is now entitled to an extension of his lease of the said Ferry for the term of two years to commence on the first of may next, and to receive from this Corporation the sum of \$91.78. All which [11] is respectfully submitted.

William Hoghland
Thos Carpenter
Elisha W King.

which was agreed to and the Comptroller was directed to report a warrant and to prepare a lease agreably thereto.

Resolved, that the Building Committee and the Bellevue Committee be requested to report at the next meeting the sums which they have severally expended this year.

Resolved that it be referred to the former Committee on opening Chamber Street to confer with the lessees of Corporation property on said street and to make such arrangements with them, with respect to the rents &^{c} &^{c} on said lots as to them shall appear just and equitable

Resolved that the Building Committee be requested to designate the rooms in the New City Hall for the several offices of the Corporation and of the State and report thereon to the Board.

Ordered that the Comptroller report a warrant for Mr Randal on account for surveying for $500.

[12] Resolved that the Bellevue Committee be authorised to adjust by purchase or exchange the Northern line of the Corporation Land at Bellevue.

A Warrant for $250. for Joseph Coles on account for carpenters work at the Bridge over Harlaem Dam, and for Joseph Byrd for $300. for Timber for said Bridge were ordered to be issued

Resolved, that the Collector of the 7th Ward be allowed the term of six months for payment of the Ballance of the Tax of last year on giving his note endorsed by his present sureties payable without interest at that time.

Resolved that the Committee of repairs be requested to select a suitable piece of ground near the Arsenal for the use of the Superintendant of Repairs.

Resolved, that the Superintendant of repairs under the direction of Alderman Torry and Mr Welling be authorised to cause the Greenwich Road from Fellow's and Donavan's Factory to Hetty Street to be repaired so as that the sum expended does not exceed $50.

[13] Resolved, that the Buildings and Grounds at Bellevue be placed under the direction of the Bellevue Committee.

Ordered. That a warrant issue in favour of John Adamson for $1500. for 375 monuments for Roads furnished by him.

The Comptroller Reported, Cash in the Treasury $.18.703.52 warrants not presented $172..79.

His Honor The Mayor was desired to issue warrants for the following accounts.

Lawrence and Van Wart. watch	592.90
Farrington & white Do	592.90
Goodheart & Hays Do	779.80
James Hardie Asst City Inspr 1 mot Saly to 1 Inst	62.50
Rosewell Graves. Asst St Comsr Do Do	67.50
Mott Hicks Do Do Do	54.
Adrian B Holmes Do Do Do	54.
Jacob Delamontagnie Specl Justice 1. Qr to 26 Augt	250.
James Warner Do Do Do	250.
G Gilbert Do from 10 June Do	210.95
Bernard O Blenis Clk Police office 1 Qr Do	250.
R Stephens Asst Clk. Do from 15 June Do	98.63
Wm P Roome Keeper Pots Field 1 mot 1 Inst	31.
John Striker Junr 16 Sundays 5 Ward	24.
Thomas Freeborn 14 Do 6th Do	21.

[14] George Menier damages for house pulled down at fire	350.
Joseph Watkins Timber for Supt Reps to 5th Augst	163.11
John Fine repairing pumps 1 & 5th Wards	67.37
Jas Richardson Cleaning Wells 5th 6th 7th Do	60.43
Benjn M Mumford. sinking a well in Second St	38.
Bailey & Graham on Acct orchard St	400.
Charles Mooney. Hester & Mulberry Sts	400.
Robert Carnley on acct Willett St	200.
James Kelly on acct Pump St	150.
Abrm Stagg. for Rivington St	100.
Achd Smith Balle regulating Thompson St	75.
John Nitchie & other Assrs on Stone & Bridge Sts	55.
Jas Seton selling at Auct 53 Lots certified by St Comsr	132.50
Cornls Vn Cott Carting earth Peck slip &c	37.69
John H Sickels Treasr N City Hall	5000.
Joseph Coles Carpenr Work, Bridge Harlaen dam	250.
Joseph Bird Timber for Do Do	300.
	11118.28
Balance	7412.45

[15] In Common Council, Septr 9th 1811

Present The Honorable De Witt Clinton Mayor Presdt

Peter Mesier
Thomas Carpenter
Charles Dickenson
Richard Cunningham
William Hoghland
William Torry
George Buckmaster
Esqrs Aldermen

Peter Hawes
Augustine H Lawrence
Elisha W. King
John Morss
Isaac S Douglass
Michael M Titus
William Welling
Wm A Hardenbrook
Abraham Vn Gelder
Esqrs Assistants

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A Petition of Rea &. Oliver for payment of account for Curb and Gutter Stone at Hudson Square was read and referred to the Comptroller

A Petition of John Jerman, of Ebenezer Griswold and of Henry Davenport for Huxters Stands and from Daniel Ensley for Stall No 45. Fly Market lately occupied by his Father, were [16] read and severally referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of James Amory praying that a Road may be opened to his Land was read and referred to the general superintending Committee of surveys.

A Letter from Richard V Morris stating that certain persons were obstructing the Channel in the East River between Great Barn Island and York Island by discharging Boat Loads of Stone into the River was read and referred to M^r^ King Alderman Carpenter and M^r^ Hawes.

A Memorial was received from sundry inhabitants near Burling Slip complaining that Sea Vessels were in the habit of lying in the Slip, to the exclusion of Coasters and to the injury of the trade of that part of the City ordered that the same be referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 2^d^ Ward.

A Petition of Anthony Bartow to be appointed a Weigh master was read and referred to the Committee on applications.

[17] A Petition of Hugh M^c^ Dougall to be employed as a painter for the New Alms House, was referred to the Bellevue Committee.

A Petition of Elenor Smith was read, stating that Robert Wilson her Brother held a Lot on lease from the Corporation in Thomas Street in trust for her. That at the late fire it was burnt down together with a great portion of her personal property—that an offer had been made to her for the lease by Michael Cashman provided it would be transfered to him and incorporated with the lease about to be given to him. Which she prayed might be done and that part of the rent now due from her might be remitted. Ordered that the same be referred to the Comptroller.

The Committee on the Fire Department Reported on the petition of Fire Engine Company N^o^ 2, that they recommend the prayer of the petition to be granted

The same Committee on the petition of Fire Engine Company N 8. Reported that the box of the Engine was so leaky as to be unfit for use They therefore recommended that the Committee be authorised to employ an Artist to [18] examine the Engine and if the Box cannot be repaired they be authorised to order a new Box to be made which said Reports were agreed to

The following persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies.

Fire Engine Comp^y^ N 6.

James Baldwin, painter, corner chapple & Barclay Streets 3^d^ Ward. V^c^ William Beach, res^gn^

N^o^ 20.

Thomas Jeroleman, Cab^nt^ Maker 326 Greenwich S^t^ 3^d^ Ward, V^c^ Jacob Day, expelled for neglect of duty.

N 26.

Benjamin Thomas, Brass Founder, Harman St 7, Ward. Vc Peter Yerrick, resigned.

The Street Commissioner presented the Assessment for widening Jay St. with the objections of Ph[i]lip Rhinelander thereto which being read it was Resolved that the assessment be confirmed, and Morris De Camp was appointed Collector.

The Street Commissioner on the petition of Thomas Knox for Interest on money paid on Assessment for regulating Governeur St [19] Reported, that the work has all been done for which that assessment was made, and the Contractors have received payment in full, he is therefore of opinion that the petitioner has no claim on the Board on that account either in justice or equity and should have leave to withdraw his petition

which is respectfully submitted

Saml Stilwell

Street Commissioner

which was agreed to.

The Street Commissioner presented an ordinance for opening Chamber Street from Augustus Street to Chatham Street.
which was passed and the rule being dispensed with, Ezekiel Bishop, Soloman Wheeler, Abraham Hart, Robert Coles, and Stephen Kingsland were appointed Assessors

The Street Commissioner Stated that Araunah R Martine the Collector of the assessment for the drain, in Roosevelt Street had only paid into the Treasury on acct of the assessment $233. That there was a ballance due of $587.27. that tho' repeatedly called upon he has given no statement of the situation of [20] the assessment—Thereupon resolved that it be referred to the Attorney of the Board to take measures for recovering the same

The Street Commissioner made a return of delinquents upon old assessments whereupon a Warrant was ordered to issue to Noah Jarvis for collecting the same.

The Street Commissioner requested leave of absense for ten days. Which was granted to him.

Ordered that the Comptroller and the Superintendant of the Alms House examine and audit the account which the New York Hospital has against this Board

The Building Committee and the Bellevue Committee agreably to the request of the Board Reported the sums which have been expended by them this year, which Reports were ordered to be filed.

Resolved that the Comptroller be authorised to settle with Thomas Scott who was security for Edward Moran as Collector [21] on sundry Assessments by receiving from said Scott $50. in cash and his notes payable by instalments of $50. every three months for the amount due from Mr Moran.

Ordered that the Comptroller report a warrant for $10. for the Committee of Charity advanced by them to Mrs Humphrey.

The report of the Committee on the petition of the proprietors of Inclenbergh Lots was called up and being read was in the words following.

The Committee to whom was referred the several petitions of Patrick McKay Abm Brandewine, and of a Committee of the purchasers of the Lots at Inclenbergh Respectfully Report.

That they understand that at the sales made by the Corporation of these Lots, a Map of the ground was exhibited representing the same as bounded by Avenues and Squares, and that reference was made to the same both by the auctioneer and by a Committee of the Corporation, to shew the situation of said Lots That upwards of five years have elapsed since the said sales; and altho' in some instances, the whole, and in others a considerable part of the purchase monies [22] have been paid, yet that the said Avenues and Streets have not been opened

That in the Map lately made under the direction of the Commissioners appointed by a Law of the State it appears that the Avenues and Streets, are laid down in places entirely different, from those in the Map exhibited by the auctioneer at the time of the Sales and so as to cut the said Lots at acute angles

Your Committee further Report that a majority of them have met a Committee appointed by the purchasers of said Lots who on their behalf proposed to your Committee, that if the Corporation would vacate the sales of said Lots, the purchasers would consent to accept of Corporation Bonds for such part of the purchase monies as they have respectively paid, with Interest from the time of the payment, payable in three eaqual payments of Two Three and Four Years with Interest

Without taking into consideration the legal rights of the parties to the said sales, your Committee are of opinion, it would be advisable to accede to the terms [23] offered by the said Committee and that the

Comptroller be authorised on the part of the Corporation to carry the same into effect

All which they submit

Peter Hawes
E W King

after some debate thereon Alderman Fish moved the following Resolution.

Resolved that the purchasers of the Inclenbergh Lots who have made payments in whole or in part for said Lots be permitted to reconvey the same to this Corporation and that the Common Council will give their Bond according to the said Report to said proprietors or their assigns to pay the principal sum so by them paid with six percent Interest from the date of each respective Bond, provided that the whole of the said purchasers accede to this arrangement and that the Comptroller be authorised to carry this Resolution into effect.
on the question of agreeing to the same a Division being called by Alderman Torry it *it* was carried in the affirmative as follows

Affirmative	Negative
Aldn Mesier, Carpenter, Dickenson, Cunningham, Fish. [24] Mr Hawes, King Morss Douglass Titus, Hardenbrook Vn Gelder	Aldm Hoghland Torry Buckmaster Mr Lawrence Welling

The Committee on the account of the peace officers of the 4th Ward. Reported, That they have examined the same and are satisfied that the services therein charged have been rendered and they are of opinion that the compensation claimed is not unreasonable.

E W King
Mich M Titus

which was agreed to

and the Comptroller was directed to report a warrant for $63 the amount of the same

The Comptroller was also directed to report a warrant for Oakley and Eisenhart peace officers of the 7th Ward for $72.50 being 29 days service in apprehending vagrants.

The Comptroller Reported Cash in the Treasury..........	6925.23	
Warrants not presented..................................	172.79	
		$6752.44

Whereupon His Honor the Mayor was requested to issue his warrants for the following accounts,

Andrew Otterson Asst City Inspr 1 Month to 1 Inst	54.
[25] John Anderson proportion building 2 Ws Vesey St for Steam boat	193.25
Adam & Noah [Brown] Ball on Contract for Bulkhead Gouverneur St	207.51
Rodman Bowne repairs at Ferry Stairs Long Island	91.78
John Bandel Junr Acct surveying	500.
Andrew Hamersley for transfer of Lot sold by mistake	43.97
Archibald Smyth Acct Sugar Loaf and Pump St	250.
William Torrey Chain Lamp Comt to pay lighting & repairing Do	650.
Richard Furman Superintendant of the Alms House	4,000.
	1190.51
	4761.93
Ballance in Treasury	$761.93

[26] In Common Council Septr 16. 1811.

Present The Honbl De Witt Clinton Mayor President

Peter Mesier	Esqr's Aldermen	Samuel Jones Junr	Esqrs Assistants
Thomas Carpenter		Peter Hawes	
Charles Dickenson		Augustine H Lawrence	
Richard Cunningham		Elisha W King	
William Hoghland		John Morss	
William Torrey		Michael M Titus	
George Buckmaster		William A Hardenbrook	
Caleb Pell		Abraham Vn Gelder	
Nicholas Fish			
John Pell.			

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A petition of sundry Inhabitants of the 10th Ward, complaining of several vacant Lots in Hester Street between 3d & 4th Streets, was read and referred to the City Inspector

A Memorial of Peter Ogelvie and William Hunter was read, complaining that George [27] Janeway and Cary Ludlow proprietors of Water Lots fronting Corlear's Street between Cherry Street and Grand Street had not complied with the ordinance directing a Bulk head to be sunk in the East River in front of said Lots and the said Lots to be filled agreably to the regulation of the Street, and praying said ordinances may be enforced—ordered that the same be referred to the Street Commissioner and the Committee on Wharves

A Petition of Abraham Russell and others remonstrating against the Assessment for opening Jay Street, was read and referred to the Street Commissioner

A Petition from a number of Inhabitants praying that an ordinance might be passed ordering that all Potatoes which are sold shall be first measured by a sworn Measurer and appointing a measurer for that purpose was read and referred to Alde^n^ Buckmaster, M^r^ King, M^r^ Morss.

[28] A petition of Jeremiah Youmas complaining of three sunken Lots of Ground in Beach Street, adjoining to the corner of Beach and Chapple Streets and praying that they may be ordered to be filled up was read and referred to the Street Commis^r^

A petition of William Wilson for Stand N° 16 or 17. Fly Market and of Philip Schaumberg for Huxter's stand in Catharine Market were read and referred to the Market Committee

A petition of William Bonker and of John Carlock for compensation while employed by Abner Curtis in executing the Dog Law were read and Resolved thereupon that Petitioners have leave to withdraw their petitions.

A petition of Peter and George Lorillard was read stating that they are Lessees of the Corporation upon which rent is due That they also hold Bonds of the Corporation of which principal and Interest are now due and praying that the monies due them on the Bonds may be set off against the Rents [29] which they owe to the Corporation—ordered to be refferred to the Comptroller.

A representation of Jacob Hays High Constable that the Staves of the Constables were out of repair was referred to the Superintendant of Repairs with authority to furnish such as are necessary

A petition of Cornelius Fluherty for permission to have a stand as a petty chapman in the Market, was read—Thereupon Resolved that Petetioner have leave to withdraw his Petition

A Memorial of Theophilus Eaton was read stating that he had invented a Street Brush which he thought would be of great Public Utility and praying some assistance to make a Model for experiment was ordered to be referred to Alderm Hoghland, Carpenter M^r^ Titus

A petition of Roger Gill praying a further time for payment of an assessment upon his Lott Corner of Delancy & Cannon Streets [30] and a petition from John Charles praying the Corporation would take immediate measures for payment of the Damages assessed to him by the Jury for opening Chamber Street as he was about leaving America were severally read and referred to the Committee on Assessments

A petition of Daniel Strang for relief he being poor and in distressed circumstances was read and referred to the Committee of Charity.

A petition for a Well near grand and Crosby Sts, was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Ward and superintendant of Repairs with authority to grant on the usual terms.

A Petition was read from James Heard praying repayment of the sum of $37.50. overpaid on Assessment of Lots of Petitioners in Amity Street, ordered that the same be referred to the Comptroller and Street Commissioner

[31] The following persons were appointed Firemen the C[h]ief Engineer certifying the vacancies

Fire Eng^{n} Comp N^{o} 11.

Thomas Brown, Accountant N^{o} 53 Broad St 1 Ward V^{c} John Martling resigned

N^{o} 13

James Riker Grocer. Fly Market. 2^{d} Warrd V^{c} Israel Youngs resgnd

George Long. printer. 5 North Moore. St 5 Ward V^{c} Basil J Bartow resgnd

N^{o} 22.

Cornelius Conklin Carpenter 72 Lumber St 7 Ward V^{c} Thomas Collard

William Hopwood—Rigger—Jews Ally 4th W. vice Jn^{o} Sniffen res^{d}

N^{o} 23.

David J Harring. Grocer Hudson & Provost S^{t} 5 Ward V^{c} James Hill resgnd

N^{o} 32.

Henry Allen Carpenter Stanton S^{t} 10th Ward V William Pullis resgnd

Elias Mills Carpenter Grand St 10 Ward. V^{c} Elijah Stansbury dec^{d}

Joseph Mills. Cartman Elizabeth S^{t} 6 Ward V^{c} Stephen Hustis resgnd

The Market Committee on several petitions referred to them. Reported, that Stall N^{o} 6 Duane [32] Market be granted to John Parsons. that a permit be granted to Henry Spicer to sell small meat in the Fish Market of Catharine Market—That the Stand N^{o} 45 Fly

Market formerly occupied by Daniel Ensly deceased be granted to his son Daniel Ensly—That the Stand N° 59. Fly Market formerly occupied by John Perrine deceased be granted to his son John Perrine. which several Reports were agreed to.

The Committee of Repairs Reported, That they have selected a spot of ground near the Arsenal which in their opinion is judged to be suitable for the Superintendant of Repairs

The Lots chosen for this purpose are N^{os} 30, 31, 32, 33, 34 & 35 situated on the corner of Elm an[d] Sugar Loaf Sts.

All which is respectfully submitted
William Torrey
R Cunningham
William Hoghland
Charles Dickenson
Michael M Titus

[33] The Committee of Repairs on the account of John Johnson, Reported, That they have examined the Claim of the within mentioned John Johnson and are of opinion that he ought to be paid: But from the representation of M^r Jacob P Roome the Committee believe that M^r Dikeman has misapplied several materials put into his hands for public use—and that he ought to account for the same

all which is respectfully submitted
William Torrey
Richard Cunningham
William Hoghland
Charles Dickenson
Michael M Titus

which was agreed to and the Comptroller was directed to report a warrant for the same.

The assistant Street Commissioner presented the Assessment for paving Grand Street between Rynder and Elizabeth St's, which was confirmed and Noah Jarvis was appointed Collector

The Comptroller presented the following Report detailing the sums borrowed under the late resolution of the Board.

[34] The Comptroller respectfully informs the Board that agreably to a resolution passed the 5th August last, authorising him under the direction of the Finance Committee to borrow on the account of the Common Council a sum not exceeding Fifty Thousand Dollars and at an Interest not exceeding seven p^r Ct and that his

honor the Mayor issue the Bonds of this Corporation therefor, the following Sums have been borrowed accordingly

Charles Dickenson (7 Ward) Augst 27. 1811 payable 7 February 1813 at 7 p ct	$10.000
John G Leake Augst 13th 1811 payable 13 augst 1816 at 7 pr Ct Interest payable Annually	10.000
Manhattan Company 2d Septr 1811. payable 6th march next at 6 pr Ct per Ann	15.000
Do 16 Septr 1811. payable 16 march next at 6 per Cent per Annum	15.000
	$50.000

G N Bleecker Compr

The Comptroller to whom was referred the Petition of Rea & Oliver presented a Report which was directed to be referred to the following Committee with directions to enquire and report a statement of facts as to the ownership of the ground of Hudsons [35] Square.

Committee Mr Jones Mr Hawes Mr Lawrence

An Account of Abner Curtis Register of Dogs for killing 732 Dogs amounting to $366 was presented and referred to the former Committee on that subject and the Comptroller with authority to adjust the account and to report a warrant for the same found due.

The Committee to whom was referred the petition praying a postponement of the collection of the Assessment on Canal St presented a Report the consideration of which was postponed.

on motion of Mr Hawes, ordered, that the Comptroller be directed to compleat the Book of Assessment for Canal St and report the same at the next meeting of the Board.

Ordered, that the Comptroller examine into the demand of Samuel Sears and report a warrant in his favour for $400. if so much [36] shall appear to be due to him

The Comptroller presented a Lease to Jediah Morris for Lot No 131, on William St for 21 years from 1st May 1806 which having been examined by Mr Hawes as council was ordered to be executed.

Resolved that a further sum of $50 be granted for the repair of Greenwich Road near Hetty St

The Committee on the subject of opening Hudsons Street presented a Map drawn in June 1811 by William Bridges City surveyor on which was deliniated the course which in their opinion said Street ought to take Whereupon, resolved, that Hudson Street be continued in the direction of and agreably to the dotted line marked upon said Map and that said Map be filed in the office of the Street Commissioner

Resolved that the subject of Measures of every description used in the public Markets be referred to the following Committee to [37] Report whether any and what new regulations ought to be made—Committee Alden Buckmaster Mr King Mr Morss

Resolved, that general powers be given to the Committee on opening Chamber St to make such arrangements with the Lessees of the Corporation property with respect to the surrender of their Leases and the alteration of the Bounds of the several Lots so as to conform them to the New regulation of the Street and to introduce a uniformity in that part of the City as to the said committee shall seem just and advisable

Mr Hardenbrook offered to the consideration of the Board an amendment to the Dog Law the consideration of which was postponed.

Resolved that the following Committee, consider as to the propriety of opening the old water course in Canal Street and direct the same (if in their opinion proper) to be done, and if necessary that they report an ordinance for that purpose Committee Mr Jones Mr Morss & Mr Hawes

[38] Resolved that the Comptroller under the direction of the Committee of Finance be authorised to borrow the sum of $20.000, for the purposes of the New Alms House and that the Bonds of the Corporation be issued for the same.

The Comptroller Reported Cash in the Treasury	18,312.26.	
Warrants not presented	12.	
		$18.300.26

Whereupon His Honor the Mayor was requested to issue his warrants for payment of the following accounts.

Lawrence & Vn Wart—Watch				592.90
Farrington and White	“			592.90
Goodheart & Hays	“			779.80
Jacob P Roome Supt Reps	1 Qr Saly, 14 Inst			158.
Peter Aymar Collector	Do	6th Inst		161.
John Crolius Inspr Bread	Do	8 Inst Ball		89.70
Abm Brinkerhoff & Tunis Quick	Assessors	1	Wd	89.
John Vernon & Joseph Riley	Do	2d	Do	75.
Hermanus Tallman & Jonth Little	Do	3d		100.
Nehemiah Allen & Thos Bloodgood	Do	4th		67.50
John W Elsworth & Saml Ludlum	Do	5th		117.12

Lewis Angevine & John McClure	Do 6th		117.50
[39] David Bayard & Jas McMasters	7th Wd		98.
Arthur Burtis & Isaac Emmons	8th		104.
Thos Brass & Jacob Horne	9th		93.50
Jabez Fowler & Wm Thurston	10th		80.
Lewis Osborn & Wm French taking Vagrants	4th Wd		63.
M Oakley & N Eisenheart Do	7th		72.50
J Allen & N Eisenheart 13 Sundays.	Do		39.
Jas Vincent 340 Lds earth in cellar corner of Beach & chapple Sts ordered by Board 15 July			37.40
Michl M Titus Chn Comt Charty advan. Mrs Humphey			10.
John Johnson Iron Work pump for Supt Reps			168.35
Caleb Teleh digging well corner 4th & Division Sts			41.
Math Dikeman repairing pumps 8 & 10 Wds			27.50
Oliver Waldron Oversr Roads 1 mth 1 Inst			278.37
Danl Woolsey 3 inst bulkhead & stairs Brooklyn		672.50	
1 inst pier and Bulk head Courtlandt		826.41	
			1498.91
Thos & George Lovett Acct paving Delancey St			300.
Chas Mooney Acct Laight & Mulberry Sts			250.
Jos Scott Colr paving Roosevelt St			27.76
John P Ritter Intst Bond. Dock & slips 1 year 10th Inst			161. 9

[40] In Common Council Septr 23 1811

Present Piere C Vn Wyck Esqr Recorder President

Thomas Carpenter	Esqrs Aldermen	Samuel Jones	Esqrs Assistants
Charles Dickenson		Peter Hawes	
Richard Cunningham		Augustine H Lawrence	
William Hoghland		Elisha W King	
William Torrey		Isaac S Douglass	
George Buckmaster		William Welleng	
Caleb Pell		Wm A Hardenbrook	
John Pell		Abm Vn Gelder	

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and Approved.

A Memorial of Ann Smith, Widow of Jacob Wilkins was read, stating that the Wharf at the lower end of Courtland St belonged to the estate of her husband. That understanding it would be wanted by the Corporation for the accommodation of the Steam Boats She was willing to rent the same Ordered that it be referred to the Steam [41] Ferry Boat Committee

A Petition of John Crygier for permission to assign the Lease of No 3 Magazine Street, was referred to the Comptroller, with authority to permit the assignment, if in his opinion proper.

Petitions from Henry Keummell and John Grant for Hucksters stands, and a petition from John Neil for stall N 3 Fly Market were read and referred to the Market Committee

A petition for Lamps to be placed in Orange & Grand Streets was read and referred to the Lamp Committee.

An Account for services of sundry Marshals in taking up vagrants, was read and referred to the Committee to examine & report a warrant

A Petition of Luisa Williams for a Licence gratis to retail Spirituous Liquors, was read whereupon Resolved that petitioner have Leave to withdraw her petition

[42] A Petition from sundry Inhabitants was read, requesting that as sales of Carriages &c were prohibited at Catharine Square, that the Square in Division Street at the junction of Bayard and Second Street, might be assigned for the sales at Auction by Marshals —Ordered that the same be referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 7th ward and 10th Wards

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants for a Pump corner of Broad Way and Broome Streets was read, An application was also made by Alderman Buckmaster for a Pump in Hester St and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Wards and Superintendant of Repairs with authority to grant the same upon the condition of the Resolution upon that subject passed this Evening.

An Account of Wm Wilmerding for services rendered to the Committee of Assessments, was read and referred to the Committee on Assessments.

[43] A Representation of Thomas Burrow in behalf of the Corporation of Trinity Church praying that as Hudsons Street was not opened agreably to the conditions of the cessions that they might be permitted again to enclose the ground owned by that Corporation, and also that they might be directed as to enclosing the old Greenwich Road from Morton St to State Prison. Ordered to be referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 8th Ward & Str Commissioner

A Letter from the president of the Manhattan Company enclosing an Account for Water furnished to the several Public Buildings belonging to the Corporation was read and referred to the Finance Committee and the Comptroller—

The Committee of Applications presented the following Report which was agreed to.

The Committee of Applications beg leave to submit the following

Report—they have ascertained the following facts; that in Jan^{y} 1803 by report of a former Committee the then number of Measurers [44] of grain amounted to thirty in number whereupon four being added making the whole number thirty four.

It will further appear by a late return mad[e] to the secretary of this Board that the present Number amount to forty one. The Committee are of opinion that from the increased population of this City that the number of five measurers be added, which will make the whole number forty Six. The Committee would further recommend the appointment of one additional Weigh Master, your Committee have been informed that Thomas Pinkney one of the present Measurers of Grain has resigned his warrant in favour of David Doty, if this Board should think proper to confirm the same.

respectfully submitted
Caleb Pell
R Cunningham
William Torrey

Whereupon, Anthony Bartow was appointed a Weigh Master and David Doty a Measurer of Grain &c

[45] The following persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies,

Fire Engine Comp^{y} N^{o} 24

Israel Underhill—Merch^{t} N^{o} 18 Stone S^{t} 1 Ward V^{ce} George Hands res^{gnd}

N^{o} 26.

Daniel Stillwell, Cartman—Division S^{t} 7 Ward V^{ce} Evert V Kedenburgh res^{gnd}

George C Duryea Keeper of the public Pound at Harlaem sent in his resignation of that office, which was accepted.

The Comptroller reported that agreably to the resolution of the Board directing him to borrow the sum of $20,000 for the purposes of the New Alms House, he had under the direction of the Finance Committee, borrowed that sum, from the Mechanic's Bank payable in Six months with interest at 6 per Ct which was one per Cent less than the interest allowed to be given for the sum borrowed, under the resolution of the 5th of August last, which report was approved

The Comptroller on the petition of James Heard [46] Reported that the property of Robert & John Sharp was assessed for opening Amity Street $112.50 which sum was paid to John S Hunn the Collector. The Corporation afterwards assumed one third of the assessment viz $37.50 which is due to James Heard as agent for R and J Sharp, and due from John S Hunn, and which is charged to his account by the Street Commissioner They accordingly recommend the issuing a warrant for $37.50 to James Heard

Respectfully submitted
G N Bleecker Comp^t
Sam^l Stilwell S^t Comss^r

which was agreed to and a warrant ordered to issue for the same immediately.

The Comptroller on the petetion of Peter & G Lorrillard, Reported, That it appears that the annual rents due by the Petitioners, and the interest due on their Bonds, nearly ballance; the difference in amount is but small and no inconvenience appears to [47] arise from leaving the business as it now stands, till the Bonds are discharged.

The subscriber therefore can see no necessity for any order of the Board on the subject at present

Respectfully submitted
G N Bleecker Compt^rller

which was agreed to

The Comptroller on the petition of Lawrence Heyer Reported, that agreably to the resolution of the Board the 2^d Inst he received from Lawrence Heyer, a transfer and surrender of his lease of two Lots of ground N^o 102 & N^o 103 on the South side of Chatham Street, and had the same leased at public Auction, seperately the 21^st Inst

Lot N^o 102, was purchased by John Dixey for the remaining term or 21 years from the 1^st of May 1806, at the anual Rent of $265.

Lot N^o 103 was sold to the same person for the like term at the yearly rent of $265. making together $80 per ann more than orriginally leased to L Heyer

Respectfully submitted
G N Bleecker Compt^rller

[48] which was agreed to and he was directed to give possession to John Dixey the purchasor immediately

Alderman Torrey presented the account for repairing Greenwich Street amounting to $113.42 and the Comptroller was directed to report a warrant for the same.

The Comptroller on the petetion of Elenor Smith Reported. that a Lease for the said Lot was executed by Robert Wilson the brother of the petitioner bearing date the 1st of May 1806 for 21 years at a rent of 50 dollars per ann. in trust for the benefit of Elenor Smith, and after her decease in trust for her children &c Mr Wilson is dead and Mrs Smith has lately administered, and engages to pay $75. the ballance due the 1st of May last. By the fire in Chatham St last may, her house was destroyed, and as it would not in the opinion of the subscriber, be improper for the Board to accede to her proposal; it is respectfully recommended that leave be given to transfer the lease to Mr [49] Cashman, on payment of the rent due the 1st May last, and that a new Lease be given to him for the remainder of the term, the rent to commence 1s August last

Respectfully submitted
G N Bleecker Comptlr

which was approved and the Lease ordered to be made accordingly.

The Committe on Wharves & St Comsr on the petition of Peter Ogilvie and Wm Hunter reported that this had long been a subject of complaint—they therefore recommended that the Attorney of the Board be directed to enforce a compliance with the ordinances. Which Report was agreed to

Upon the recommendation of the Street Commissioner, William Stilwell was appointed assessor in the ordinance for repairing the drain in Water Street, Vc Benjn Stephens who declines, and also in the ordinance for paving Washington Street from Murray to Warren Sts Vc Joseph Dean who also declines.

[50] The Street Commissioner presented the assessment for the Drain in Liberty St and also the assessment for paving &c the side walk in Cherry St from Catharine to Charlotte St, which were confirmed, and Morris De Camp was appointed collector in the former and Noah Jarvis in the latter

The Street Commissioner presented a Return of Delinquents on the Assessment for regulating and paving Pump St from Mott to Mulberry St, whereupon a warrant was ordered to issue to the collector for collecting the sums due thereon.

The Committee on the Fire Department upon the petetion of Fire Engine Company No 32, praying to be furnished with a reel, Reported in favour of the petetion, which was agreed to and the Superintendant of Repairs was directed to furnish one

On Motion of Mr Jones the Board took up the consideration of the salary to be allowed to his Honor the Mayor [51] when it was agreed that the sum of Seven Thousand Dollars, per Annum be fixed as the sallary of the present incumbent of that office and that the Comptroller Report a warrant for such sum as is now due computing from the time of his appointment to the office—

Resolved that authority be given to the Committee, on Chambers Street in case of not agreeing with any Individual as to the compensation to be allowed, to agree to submit the same to arbitration, and on the part of this Board to appoint one or more arbitrators

Resolved, that it be referred to the Market Committee, to enquire into the practice of selling small meats on sunday and to report *in* [as] to what measures can be taken thereon also that they enquire into the fact of meat being sold at other places than the established Markets and Report thereon

on Motion of M^{r} Hardenbrook Resolved, that the Dog Law be so amended as that all Dogs [52] whose owners have caused them to be registered and have paid the Tax upon them be permitted to go at large provided they have around their neck a metal Collar with the name of their owner and his place of residence distinctly engraved thereon

The Committee upon the Petition of W^{m} J Waldron requesting compensation for a Map and Book designating the Lessees of the Corporation, and the persons paying quit rents, presented a Report the consideration of which was posponed.

Resolved that it be referred to the Committee on Streets and the Street Commissioner to enquire and Report as to the expediency of Continuing Murray Street of its present breadth from Broad way to Greenwich Street

The Comptroller Reported Cash in the treasury	31,577.96
Warrants not presented	873.62
	$30.704.34

[53] Whereupon His Honor The Mayor was requested to issue his warrants for payment of the following accounts.

John M^{c}Kie Timber for Sup Rep^{r}	36.25
Rob^{t} Brown & Co Spars for Fire Dep^{tm}	20.22
Walter Allen rep^{rs} at Coff^{ee} H. Slip	162.62
Arch^{d} Smyth on Pump $150 Delancey S^{t} $500	650.
Ab^{m} Stagg on Acc Rivington S^{t}	500.
Dan^{l} Woolsey 1. Ins^{lmt} Corpo^{rtn} Prop^{ty} pier Beeck^{n} Slp	464.58
Tho^{s} Scott Bill paving S^{t} West Side Coent^{s} Slip	312.50
Joel Davis by ord^{r} J Smith on acc op^{ng} Washington St	100.75
Henry Duryea, filling Slp Blk H^{d} old Brook^{ln} ferry	70.
Jas Heard, Ass^{mt} opn^{g} Amity St. ⅓ Assumed by Corp^{tn}	37.50

Richard Farney. paving Interstn 2d & Hester Sts..........	7.12	
Saml Sears on Acct Bond orded by Board 16 Inst..........	400.	
A H Lawrence Chan Finc Comtee on Acct New Alms H..	20.000.	
Wm Torrey, Chan Lmp Comtee pay for oil................	2500.	
Leonrd Bleecker Treasr N Y Free School. ballance........	2500.	
Jacob Morton for 10 Books of Jurors havin same Selectd..	60.	27761.54

Ballance 2882.80

[54] In Common Council Sept 30 1811.

Present The Honbl De Witt Clinton Mayor President

Thomas Carpenter	Aldermen	Samuel Jones Junr	Assistants
Charles Dickenson		Peter Hawes	
Richard Cunningham		Augustine H Lawrence	
William Hoghland		Elisha W King	
William Torrey		John Morss	
George Buckmaster		Isaac S Douglass	
Nicholas Fish		Wm A Hardenbrook	
John Pell		Abraham Vn Gelder	

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved.

An application of the Board of Health for an advance of $800 to pay the account of the Board up to the 1st October was read and the Comptroller was directed to report a warrant for the same.

A Petition from John Griscom for the use of a room in the new City Hall to read Public Lectures on Chemistry &c [55] ordered to be referred to the Building Committee

A Petition from Albert Ogden & Co for remission of a Penalty incurred for shipping Flour without being Inspected was read and referred to Mr Lawrence Adm Carpenter Adm Buckmaster

A Petition of sundry proprietors of Ground called Bayards Farm complaining of great inconvenience in the improvement of the same for the want of a correct survey and praying the Board to direct a survey to be made and monuments fixed at the Corners of the Streets which have been regulated was read and referred to the Street Commissioner with directions to ascertain the lines of the Streets and to fix the monuments at the corners of the same at the expense of the Petetioners.

An Invitation from John Stevens Esqr for the Members of the Common Council to witness the operations of a new steam Boat constructed by him to run between [56] this City and Hoboken, was read, and accepted for wednesday the 9th october next

A Remonstrance was read from the Inhabitants near Chatham square against removing the sales at auction by Marshals and others from that place to Division S^t agreably to the prayer of a Petition for that purpose presented at the last meeting of the Board.

Ordered that the same be referred to the Committee on the petition above mentioned viz the Alderman and Assistant of the 7 & 10th Wards

A Further Petition of Rhea and Oliver praying payment of their account for Curb and Gutter stone at Hudsons Square was read and referred to the former Committee on that subject Viz Mr Jones. Mr Hawes. Mr Lawrence

A Subpoena issuing out of Chancery directed to Samuel Page Junr an[d] the Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York dated 28th Septr [57] in the 36th year of Independance and commanding their appearance before the Chancellor in the Court of Chancery on the 7th of next wheresoever &c to answer to a Bill of complaint in said Court by the Executors of John Armour deceased, was read and referred to the Attorney of the Board and the Comptroller

A petition of Henry Faber to be appointed Clerk of the Alms House was read and referred to the Superintendant of the Alms House.

A Petition from the members of the several Fire Companies was read stating the necessity of another Hook and Ladder Company and praying that one might be established was ordered to be referred to the Committee on the Fire Department with a request that they would report whether any and what improvements may be made in the said department

A Petition from sundry Bakers in the City was read stating, that since the regulations [58] of the price of bread established by the Common Council a great difference had arisen between the prices of southern Flour from which the best Bread must be made and the price of New York flour by which their price of Bread is by the assize regulated. That Southern flour being generally 6/ or 7/ higher in the Barrel that is of course so much deducted from off their profits in addition to this the price of fuel has within these few years encreased greatly Under all these circumstances they consider a revision of the Law respecting the Baking of Bread has become necessary and they respectfully solicit the attention of the Board to that subject

Ordered that the same be referred to Aldern Dickenson Mr Morss Mr Douglass The Chamberlain

A Petition of Charles Langley was read stating that at the late fire in Chatham Street he had been burnt out and praying to receive a licence gratis [59] to retail spirituous liquors. ordered that Petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition

A Petition of Stephen Smack for Butchers Licence, was read and referred to the Market Committee.

The following persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies.

Fire Engn Company
No 20.

Richard Ryan Carpenter No 8 Liberty St 3d Ward, Vc Reuben Knapp resgnd

John Tallman Cabinet maker 80 Liberty St 3d Ward Vce Thomas Willet resgnd

On Motion of Mr Jones the Board agreed to reconsider the decision made on the 13th of may last upon the account of Simeon De Witt Esqr one of the Committee of Streets and Roads—and upon like motion to pass the whole account as exhibited the question being taken thereon and a Division called it passed in the negative in the manner following

[60] Negative	Affirmative
Alderman Carpenter	Aldn Dickenson
" Cunningham	" Hoghland
" Torrey	" Buckmaster
Mr Hawes	" Fish
" Lawrence	" J Pell
" King	Mr Jones
" Morss	" Douglass
" Hardenbrook	
" Vn Gelder	

Mr Jones gave notice that he would at the next meeting move for a reconsideration

Mr Hawes moved that the Comptroller be directed to report a warrant at the next meeting of the Board for the amount of the account as settled by the Common Council on the 13 May last, which was agreed to.

The attorney of the Board presented the following Reports on the valuation of the Jury for ground taken for widening Maiden Lane, for opening Elm Street and for opening Columbia Street

[61] The Attorney of the Board begs leave to state that in conformity with their order a precept was issued, retur[n]able this last Mayor's Court for widening Maiden Lane from Broadway to Nassau

Street, and that the Jury summoned in conformity thereto after having heard the testimony adduced, did assess the damages to the several persons proprietors of the said ground as follows.

To Abraham Binninger	for ground	$3220	
Do	for Vault	400	3620
To Catharine Harvey	for Ground	3300	
Do	for Buildings	2000	5300
To Daniel Mack	for Ground	4100	
Do	for Buildings	3000	7100
To Robert Manley	for Ground	1775	
Do	for Buildings	1250	3025
To Abraham E Brown	for Ground	2725	
Do	for Buildings	3000	5725
To Henry Allen	for Ground	5050	
Do	for Buildings	1500	6550
	amount of damages		31.320
	Expences		
Jurors Fees		$108.	
Sheriff Fees		4.75	
Attorneys Fees		44.54	157.29
		157.29	$31.477.29

all which is submitted

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[62] The Attorney of the Board in conformity with their order issued a precept for the purpose of opening Elm Street returnable at the last Mayors Court, that the Jury summoned after having heard the testimony awarded to Abraham K Beekman as the price of his two lots the following sum towit

To Abraham K Beekman for Ground $1440

Expences

Jurors Fees	$36.		
Sheriff Fees	3.25		
		1940..	
Attorneys Fees	35.36	74.61	
	74.61	$2014.61	Amt including expenses

all which is submitted

Sep 30 1811 Isaac A Vn Hŏok

The Attorney of the Board begs leave to represent that in conformity to their order he issued a precept to the Sheriff of New York returnable the last Mayors Court for the purpose of opening Columbia Street, that the Jury summoned awarded to the several proprietors of Ground for their damages and recompence the following sums—Viz

To Garrit Gilbert for Ground	$925	
D^o for Buildings	250	1175
[63] To Daniel French for Ground	500	
D^o for Buildings	500	1000
To Thomas Ludlow for Ground	1800	
Amount of damages		3975
expences		
Jurors Fees	$54.	
Sherriffs Fees	3.62	
Attorneys Fees including Carriage hire	40.38	
		98.00
Total Amount including expenses		$4073.

All which is submitted

Sep 30. 1811 Isaac A Van Hook

Whereupon the Street Commissioner was directed to report a warrant for assessing the same

The Attorney of the Board made the following report on the subject of suits against John Bussing,

The Attorney of the Board begs leave to report that by the directions of the former Street Commissioner twelve suits were commenced against John Bussing and his sureties as Collectors on several Streets that the writs were returnable in august term 1807 that afterwards by an order of the Board the suits were directed to be stayed until [64] further orders, and some of the sureties I understand are not in very solvent circumstances. I wish to know what further orders the Board will take in the premises as the pleadings have been laying by ever since

All which is submitted

Sep 30 1811 Isaac A V^n Hook

Ordered that the same be referred to the Street Commissioner and that the Attorney be directed to conform to such instructions as shall from time to time be given him by the Street Commissioner

The Committee on Streets to whom was referred the Assessment for regulating and paving Pearl Street, Reported that they had carefully examined the same and saw no objections to it they therefore recommended that it be confirmed and a Collector be appointed

Which report was agreed to and Morris De Camp was appointed Collector

The Street Commissioner and Comptroller to whom was referred the petition of Thomas [65] B Clark presented a report which was ordered to lie for consideration

The Street Commissioner presented a Return of Delinquents upon the Assessment for regulating the Streets around Hudsons Square. whereupon a warrant was directed to issue to John J Baimbridge the Collector to collect the same

The Street Commissioner on the petition of Abraham Russel and others against the assessment for widening Jay Street, Reported that no reasons had been offered to him by the petitioners against the Assessment. Whereupo[n] Resolved, that it be referred back to the Street Commissioner and that he inform the Petitioners that unless they produce substantial reasons in writing against the said assessment by the next meeting of the Board that it will then be confirmed

The Street Commissioner Reported that the Pier at Duane Street Basin was finished tho' in a different manner from the Contract. he therefore thought a Committee should be appointed to examine the work

[66] Whereupon the same was referred to the Committee on Wharves & the Street Commissioner

The Committee on the account of Abner Curtis Reported, that they have examined the same, and are satisfyed they are correct with the exception of the charge of $131. paid to officers for keeping the peace the propriety of which they beg leave to submit to the consideration of the Board

Sep 30. 1811.

E W King
A H Lawrence

Whereupon it was agreed that the sum of 131 be credited to him and that the Comptroller report a warrant for $258.86

The acct as follows.

The Corporation of N York

To Abner Curtis Dr

June 23d 1811.

To killing & burrying 1619 Dogs as per recpt at 50/100 each	809.50
To cash paid sundry persons to keep the peace and attend the *Carts* [Courts]	131.
To registering a dog for a blind Woman	3.
Do Do poor Woman	3.
Do 8 Dogs not paid for	24.
[67] To Commission on $3036 at 20 p Ct	607.20
To Cash paid Mr Fish Treasurer	1407.66
*To killing & burrying 732 Dogs at 50/100	366.
†to killing 259 Dogs	129.50
To Commission on $195 for 65 Dogs	39.
	3519.86

July 30 1811

By Cash received for registering 1020 Dogs at $3	$3063
July 31 Do Do 1 dog	3
Sep 20 Do Do 65 dogs	195
	3261
Debit bro't down	$3519.86
Crt	3261.
Balle Due A Curtis	258.86

An Account of John Randel Junr for surveys audited by the Surveying Committee was presented as follows

To surveying 80,836 feet at $20. per 1000	$1616.72
To measuring ground of Mr Jones at Bellevue	37.60
	1654.32
Cr by Cash at different times	1300.
Ballance	354.32

Whereupon resolved that the Comptroller report [68] a warrant for the above Ballance and also for the sum of $1000 on account of instruments agreably to the contract of the Commissioners with him.

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* Marginal note reads *from 24 Augst to 9th Sept.*—ED.

† Marginal note reads *24 Augst*—ED.

Upon the suggestion of Mr Hawes that the throng of Market Waggons and other carriages which attended the markets were oftentimes hazardous and extreemly inconvenient to the Citizens and required some regulations. It was Resolved that it be referred to the Market Committee to Report an ordinance assigning stands for Waggons &c at the several Markets of the City and enjoining regulations respecting the same.

Resolved that to facilitate the Collection of the assessment on Canal Street, the Book of Assessments of said street, be under the direction of the Comptroller and Street Commissioner divided Alphabetically into 4 parts as nearly eaqual as may be and that they report the same with all convenient speed

Resolved, That the following Committee be authorised to procure suitable furniture [69] for the Common Council Chamber in the New City Hall Committee Aldern Fish Mr Hawes Mr Lawrence

The Comptroller Reported Cash in the Treasury	4841. 8	
Warrants not presented	110.	
		$4731. 8

Whereupon his Honor the Mayor was requested to issue his warrants for the following Accounts

Lawrence & Van Wart Watch	592.90
Farrington & White	592.90
Goodheart & Hays	779.80
De Witt Clinton Esqr compsn as Mayor 1 Qr due 12 May	1750.
1 Qr 12 Augst	1750.
J Hardie Ass Cy Inspr 1 mot sally 1 Octr	62.50
Andrew Otterson Do	50.
Mott Hicks Asst St Comsr	50.
Adrian B Holmes Do	50.
Wm P Roome Keepr Potters field	30.
Wm H Robinson David S Jones & Jasper Ward Inspectors Election 8 Ward in april 1810	24.
Joseph Burjeau to pay 36 Marshal taking vagrants by order of the Mayor	54.
Jas Richardson Cleang Wells 2d 5th 10th Wds	38.37
[70] Uzal W Freeman suveyng 2d & 3d Avenes	44.50
James Richardson Repng Greenw Road	113.42

[71] In Common Council Oct^{r} 7th 1811

Present Honourable De Witt Clinton Mayor, President

Thomas Carpenter	Esqs Aldermen	Samuel Jones jun^{r}	Esq^{rs} Assistants
Cha^{s} Dickinson		Peter Hawes	
W^{m} Hoghland		Aug^{e} H Lawrence	
William Torrey		Elisha W. King	
George Buckmaster		John Morss	
Caleb Pell		Michael M. Titus	
John Pell		W^{m} A. Hardenbrook	
		Ab^{m} Van Gelder jun^{r}	

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

A request was received from the Corporation of Trinity Church, praying, that the Common Council would so regulate the stands of the Hackney coaches in front of Trinity Church, as to prevent their occupying the space between the footway opposite the house of Ezra Sargeant & the North corner of the Gateway opening from Broad Way into the Burial yard. Ordered, that the same be referred to the committee on Hackney coaches.

His Honour the Mayor informed the Board, that it had been represented to him by the Resident Physician of the city, that, in consequence of the crowded [72] state of the Bridewell and the filthiness of the persons confined therein, a dangerous fever now prevailed in that building; that a number of the sick had been, this day, sent to the Marine Hospital at Staten Island, and that it became highly necessary thoroughly to cleanse and ventilate the said building. Whereupon resolved, that it be referred to the Board of Health to take such measures in the premises, as they shall deem advisable for remedying the evils complained of and for the preservation of the health of the city

Resolved also, that this Board will defray all such expenses as shall be incurred by the Board of Health in executing the duties above committed to them.

A petition of Daniel Baldwin, stating, that, in the late revolutionary war, he bore arms & lost his leg in the service of his country and praying, from the Common Council, some employment to assist him in the maintenance of his family was read & referred to the Committee on applications

A Letter from George Janeway on the subject of the line between his property and that of the Corporation in Pearl (late Magazine) Street was read & referred to Alderman Torrey, M^{r} Lawrence, M^{r} Hardenbrook, the Comptroller & the Street Commissioner

[73] A petition of Stephen Minard, praying remission of a fine incurred for not emptying a privy was read & referred to the Board of Health.

A petition of Benjamin Evesson, praying a licence gratis to retail liquors was read and, on motion, resolved, that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition

A note was read from M^r^ John Stevens informing the Common Council, that he should expect the members on Wednesday next at 10 o'clock to witness the operations of his Steam Boat. Whereupon resolved that the Board will attend at that time.

A petition of Fire Engine Company N° 8 for an enlargement of their Engine House was read and referred to the Committee on the Fire department.

A report of the Board of Health of their proceedings for the month of September was read and ordered to be filed.

A memorial from John Kemp, Abraham Russell, Thomas Ogilvie & Platt Smith, stating their objections to the assessment for widening Jay Street was read and ordered to be referred together with the assessment, to the assessors, for their consideration and revision.

A petition for a pump near the corner of Broad Way [74] and Spring Streets was read and granted under the late regulations of the Board and under the direction of the Alderman and Assistant of the Ward and the Superintendant of repairs

A memorial was received from Elisha Butler, stating, that a M^r^ Holland of Massachusetts had invented a pump, for raising of water, whose powers were vastly greater than those in Common use, for which a patent had been obtained and as he deemed it important, that the citizens of this place should be convinced of its superiority over those in common use, he prayed permission to remove the pump, at the corner of Wall & Pearl St^s^ and place the patent pump in the well to exhibit its powers. Whereupon resolved, that permission be granted under the direction of the Superintendant of repairs.

The following fireman was appointed, the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancy.

Fire Engine Company N° 10

Richard Bird, cordwainer, Bowery 10th ward v. James Webster resigned.

The Committee, on the petition of sundry bakers presented a report, the consideration of which was postponed.

The Committee, to whom was referred the *com* [75] communication of Samuel Cowdrey on the subject of the verdict in the case of

Peter Schermerhorn against the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty, reported " that they have had a conference with the Counsel employed on the part of this Board, who are of opinion, that the judgment obtained by M^r Schermerhorn is final and conclusive and not in a situation to be removed by a writ of error. Under these circumstances, the committee recommend, that the amount of the said judgment be forthwith paid "

(signed) E. W. King
Peter Hawes

Which report was agreed to and the Comptroller was directed to report a warrant accordingly

The Committee, to whom the subject of the lots on the West side of Peck Slip was referred, reported " that they had not been able to get an opinion from Counsel, respecting the obligations, that the late purchasers are under to take the lots. The Committee believe there would be considerable trouble in obliging them to comply with their contract; as it might involve vexatious Law suits and the final result will be uncertain & should they be obliged to take them in the end, considerable money and attention might be requisite. Under all the *cir* [176] circumstances of this case, the Committee are of opinion, that it would be the interest of the Corporation, to sell the lots in fee at public auction, at the Coffee House, as soon as may be convenient "

(signed) Thomas Carpenter
William Hoghland

Which report was confirmed and the Lots were directed to be sold at auction by the Comptroller, under the direction of the Finance Committee. The Attorney of the Board was also directed to furnish blanks of the conditions of sales to be signed by the purchasers

The Street Commissioner presented a return of delinquents on the assessment for paving Rivington Street. Whereupon a warrant was ordered to issue to the collector for the collection of the same.

The Street Commissioner presented assessments for repairing the drain in Water Street from Gouverneur's Lane to Old Slip, and for repairing the drain in Water Street from the house of John Reed to Wall Street, which were confirmed and Morris De Camp was appointed collector on each

The Street Commissioner presented a return of delinquents on the assessment for the sewer in Roosevelt Street. Whereupon ordered, that a warrant issue to Morris [77] De Camp to collect the same.

The Street Commissioner presented ordinances for opening Columbia and Elm Streets, and for widening Maiden Lane, which were severally passed. The assessors were laid over.

The Street Commissioner presented the assessment for making a bulkhead & sewer & filling in of Peck Slip, which was confirmed & Noah Jarvis appointed collector.

The Committee, on the Fire department, on the petition of Fire Engine Company N° 16 reported " that they have examined the Engine House for N° 16 and that, in their opinion, it is too small to accommodate the company. But as the said house has once been enlarged, they are of opinion, that it will not be advisable to attempt enlarging the same again. They recommend, that a new Engine House be built for said company, on the spot, where the present house stands, of suitable dimension and that the Superintendant of repairs cause the same to be built on contract

(signed) Peter Hawes
Wm A Hardenbrook

Which report was agreed to and the Superintendant of repairs directed to carry the same into [78] effect.

The Comptroller presented several leases, which were referred to Mr Hawes as Counsel for examination

The Comptroller presented the following on the subject of the funds of the Corporation.

" The Comptroller is under the necessity of informing the Board, that the funds in the treasury are nearly exhausted and from the continued application for money from various quarters, there appears no prospect of meeting the demands from the collection of rents, the only source, from whence ordinary supplies can be raised Having had the honour to submit some remarks on the existing state of the pecuniary concerns of the Corporation on the 10th of September 1810; it may be necessary to premise, that the most prominent points there represented still continue to claim the serious attention of the Board. From the constant pressure for money to meet the contracts for building and repairing docks and piers, expenditures for the Alms House, New City Hall, and a variety of contingent charges, which are presented weekly; it appears impracticable to prevent embarrassments, unless recourse is had either to a diminution of expenses or further loans. The [79] Assessment books are preparing for the Collectors with as much speed as possible; but from this source, a large sum cannot be calculated upon for some time to come. The revenue is collected with as much dispatch as circumstances will permit; but owing to the embarassed circumstances of many tenants at this juncture (some of whom also suffered by the fire in May last) the receipts for the last four months have not been so great as was anticipated. Agreeably to the order of the Board on the 30th ult° directing the Street Commissioner and Comptroller to have the Book of Canal Street assessment divided Alphabetically into four parts as nearly equal as may be and report the same with all convenient speed. The person, who was employed to copy the original assessment and make out the proportions payable by each individual, has been engaged to execute the work lately ordered and to have the same completed as promptly as possible

The subject of commuting certain portions of quit rents, being still at the disposal of a committee appointed for that purpose, it would be improper to make any comments [80] thereon at present. The resolution of the Board on the 9th September last, relative to the Inclenbergh lots has not been complied with by the purchasers, though it is understood, that a petition on this subject will shortly be presented to the Board

The Subscriber respectfully submits the foregoing observations for the information of the Common Council

(Signed) G N Bleeker Comptroller

The following resolution was proposed and agreed to

"Whereas the ordinary resources of the Corporation from taxes and assessments will not be productive for some time. Therefore

Resolved, that the finance committee be authorized to borrow a sum not exceeding forty thousand dollars at an interest not exceeding seven per cent per annum and that the necessary bonds be issued for that purpose; and that all or such of the accounts now presented for payment be passed & warrants issued for them by the Mayor, when the said committee shall represent, that it will be proper so to do

On motion of Mr Jones, resolved, that the building committee be directed to report at the next [81] meeting of the Board, what sum will be required to place the New City Hall in a state of safety for the ensuing season

Ordered, that a warrant issue in favour of Alderman Hoghland for the sum of $30 for expenses incurred in experiments upon the Sweeping machine proposed by Theophilus Eaton.

Resolved, that the Committee on Laws and ordinances be requested to report at the next meeting, what progress they have made in the revision & printing of the laws of the corporation.

The Comptr reported cash in the treasy	3665.51
Warrants not presented	2488.39
	1177.12

Whereupon his Honour the Mayor was requested to issue warrants for payment of the following sums

J. Morton 1 Quarter's Salary as City Inspector & Clerk	437.50
B. Waldron, overseer of roads 1 mo &c to 1st instant	293.66
Thomas W. Eagles, Street Lamps &c	76.31
O'Neil & Lee sinking Well in Augustus Street	19.
[82] C & J Smith sinking pump corner of Sugar Loaf & Chapel Sts.	8.
De Camp & Eldridge work at Watch House in Spring Street	60.67
Abraham Stagg on acct of Cherry St	520.
Charles Mooney on acct Mulberry St	200.
James Kelly balance on paving Pump St	82.
Simeon DeWitt for services as Commr of Streets & roads	1145.50
Jacob P. Roome, Superintendant of repairs to pay workmen	350.
	$3192.64

October 11

Richard Furman Superintendant of the Alms House	5000.

[83] In Common Council October 14th 1811

Present The Honbl DeWitt Clinton Mayor Presidt

Peter Mesier
Thos Carpenter
Chas Dickenson
Wm Hoghland
Wm Torry
Geo: Buckmaster
Caleb Pell
John Pell
Esqs Aldermen

Samuel Jones junr
Peter Hawes
A. H. Lawrence
Elisha W. King
John Morss
Isaac S. Douglass
Michael M. Titus
Wm A. Hardenbrook
Abraham Vn Gelder
Esqs Assistants.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A Petition was received from sundry inhabitants stating that there was a gore of land at the junction of Broadway & Bowery road the property of Stephen Ludlum upon which he was about building—that it would be of great public convenience that the said gore should remain vacant they therefore prayed that the Com: Council would take measures for purchasing the same & assessing it upon the persons benefitted thereby—Ordered [84] that the same be referred to the Committee on Surveys.

A Petition of A. L. Stewart was rec'd stating that as part of the Water Grant on Hudson river issued to him, was included in the ground reserved for Canal Street, he prayed that a proportional part of the Quit rent might be remitted to him. Ordered to be referred to Ald^{n} Mesier M^{r} Titus & Ald^{n} Carpenter.

A Letter was rec'd from the Attorney of the Board informing that he had rec'd a communication from B. Robinson Esq^{r} stating that he was directed by J. R. Johnson holding a Bond of the Corporation to commence a prosecution for recovering the same. Ordered to be referred to the Finance Committee.

The Attorney agreably to the order of the Board reported the form of a Memorandum of an Agreement to be signed by purchasers at sales of the Real Estate of the Corporation—which was approved.

[85] A further memorial from the persons whose property is included in the Assessment for Canal Street was rec'd stating that their claims have never been fairly represented to the Legislature—that the proposed Canal will be injurious to the health of the inhabitants, that a subterraneous canal will be cheaper as well as more certain for carrying off the waters that may flow into that part of the City & praying that it may be referred to the Board of Health to appoint a committee to meet with the said proprietors & that all further proceedings may be suspended—which was referred to Mess^{rs} King Morss Douglass.

A Petition of John E. West was rec'd praying a suspension of the collection of an Assessment for curb & gutter stone on the West side of Hudson square & that it may be committed to the committee appointed on the subject of the curb & gutter stone on the South side of the said square, which was granted & referred to s^{d} Committee.

A Report from the Trustees of the 1st Baptist Church of the appropriation of School money was read & Ordered to be filed.

[86] The following persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies

Fire Engine Company N^{o} 2.

Elijah H Runnels	Shoemaker	N^{o} 56 Bowery	6 Ward	Additional Men.
Elias Runnels	do	do	do	
Caleb Johnson	Gunsmith	73 Henry	7 do	
Andrew Selley	Confectioner	7 Cross S^{t}	6 do	

Fire Company N^{o} 27.

Fra^{s} Passmore j^{r} tobacconist Wash^{gn} S^{t} 3d W^{d} v: Jn^{o} Pain r^{d}
Peter Boyd Carpenter Thomson S^{t} 8th W^{d} v. N. Henderson res^{d}

N^{o} 36.

Gideon D. C. Marsh Carpenter Budd S^{t} 8th W^{d} v. S. Partelow

N^{o} 37.

Gideon Carstang Rope maker,	4th St^{t}	10th Ward
George Howard do	6th do	do
John Chandler do	Orchard	do
John Lee do	Hester	do
Paul Shapter do	First	do
Matthew Vogal Cartman	Orchard	do
Isaac Miller Rope maker	do	do
Henry Watson Cordwainer	do	do
Rob^{t} H. Gorham Ropemaker	Third	do
Edward Graves Cartman	Sixth	do
John Stoots Ropemaker	do	do
Andrew Pearsall Cartman	Rivington	do
Lemuel Richardson Granary	do	do
Evert Vredenburgh Cartman	Third	do
[87] Henry Tipple Cartman	3d	do
William Garison Ropemaker	Third	do
Peter Yarick Blacksmith	do	do
Peter Bishop do	Attorney	do
James Gray Ropemaker	Orchard	do
Abel S. Clapp Grocer	Rivington	do
Ralph Walker Cartman	do	do
Jonas Chandler Ropemaker	Fourth	do
Samuel Hustis Cordwainer	Manhattan, isl^{d}	do
Adam Leech Ropemaker	Orchard	do
Robert Lee do	Hester	do
Jeremiah Wilkey do	Essex	do
Richard Burge Cordwainer	Grand	do
Abijah Pearcold Carpenter	Orchard	do
Gordon Pearcold do	do	do
William Wayley Cartman	Third	do

A Petition from Peter H. Schenck to erect a lime house upon the ground lately occupied by the Oswego market was read & laid for consideration It was Resolved that it be referred to the former Committee upon widening Maiden Lane to investigate the title of M^r^ Schenck to the ground lately occupied by the Oswego market & with authority in case of disagreement to submit the same to Arbitrators to be indifferently chosen by said Com^ee^ & by M^r^ Schenck.

[88] M^r^ Jones at his request was excused from serving on said Committee & M^r^ King was appointed in his place—The Committee is Aldermen Dickenson Carpenter & M^r^ King

Resolved that Isaac Auld be & he is hereby appointed a City Measurer.

A Petition of Sundry inhabitants for a lamp in Mulberry Street between Spring & Prince St^s^ was read & referred to the Lamp Committee

A Petition from Silas Lord stating that he holds a mortgage from Tho^s^ Duggan & wife for D^rs^ 5000 dated 4^th^ March 1807 that he requested by letter dated 8^th^ Jan^y^ 1810 that the Common Council would not pay said Duggan any monies on account of the Assessment on Canal Street until said Mortgage was paid off & he renewed his request that no monies be paid said Duggan until said Bond with interest & costs were paid Ordered that no monies be paid said Thomas Duggan on acc^t^ of said Assessment on Canal Street.

[89] James Teller resigned his appointment as Fire-Warden of 4^th^ Ward which was accepted, and Peter M^c^Carty was appointed in his place.

A Petition of John Devreux de Lacy praying a loan of money to assist him in erecting a mill for sawing of timber was read & ref^d^ to Ald^n^ Caleb Pell Carpenter & M^r^ Hardenbrook

A further Memorial of the Committee in behalf of the purchasers of the Inclenburgh lots praying the Corporation to vacate the Sales to them & to repay them the principal & interest of the monies by them paid & expended was read & Ordered to lie for consideration

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants praying that Broadway may be paved from Anthony Street to Canal S^t^ was read & referred to the Street Commissioner

The Committee on Laws presented the following,

"The Committee on Laws & Ordinances respectfully report that they have employed a competent person to superintend the publishing the laws & ordinances of the Common Council & such laws & parts of laws of the [90] State as are immediately connected with the Police

& local concerns of the City, and that the same will be published with all the despatch which the printer can use therein—Oct. 14. 1811

S. Jones Jun^r
Peter Hawes
E. W. King."

A Report of several members who on the invitation of John Stevens Esq^r crossed the river in the Hoboken Steam ferry boat, expressing their approbation of the same was rec'd & ordered to be filed.

The Building Committee presented the following report from M^r John M^cComb jun^r architect of the New City Hall

" The Chairman of Building Committee
of New City Hall

Sir,

I have to inform you that there is now 126 workmen employed at the New Hall. Viz 48 Carpenters 16 Masons 30 Laborers 25 Stone Cutters 8 Stone & Wood Carvers, whose weekly wages amount to D^rs 925

The Stone balustrade & Chimney tops will be finished in a few days, so that all the mason work above which was intended to be done [91] this season will be completed in a short time except the blocking course which we shall not be able to get cut in time—We are waiting for the Capitals & Statue to complete the Cupola, the other part is nearly done—All the West wing with the Housekeepers appartments will be finished this fall We have all the interior of the East wing now in hand & are in a fair way to get all the rooms under scratch coat before the winter sets in—so that the Carpenters may put up & complete the wood work in the course of the Winter, the expence of which including the materials that may be wanted between this & the first of December

will be about..D^rs	12'000
amount of a/c^s unpaid say..	11.000
	$23'000

To place the Building barely in a state of preservation will only require about $2'000—as the Roof is complete—the window sashes nearly all done & glaized, & may be put in & the Building secured from the weather in about three weeks.

I am very Respectfully &c^a

Oct^r 14. 1811. (signed) John MComb Jun^r "

Whereupon Resolved that the sum of 12'000 Dollars be appropriated for the purpose of continuing the work of said Building agreably to the Report of the Architect.

[92] The Street Commissioner presented the Assessments for regulating Goerck Street from Grand to Broome Street & for paving Marketfield Street from Broadway to Greenwich Street which were confirmed & Noah Jarvis was appointed Collector in each.

He also presented the Assessment for paving First street from Grand to Broome street, which was confirmed & Morris de Camp appointed Collector

He also presented the Assessment for Curb-stone in Laight Street Hudson square, which was confirmed, but the collection of the same was suspended.

The following Ordinances passed on the 7th inst were called up & and the following Assessors were appointed Viz. Ordinance for opening Columbia Street John P. Ritter Ebenezer Clark, Asa Holden Joseph Watkins, John Hopper Junr

Ordinance for opening Elm Street—Ezekiel Bishop Solomon Wheeler, Abraham Hart, Stephen Kingsland & Robert Coles

Ordinance for widening Maiden Lane, Abrm Russell, John M Comb Junr Isaac Burr, Ezekiel Bishop, John Nitchie.

[93] The Committee on the subject of the drain in Lispenards meadow reported as follows

"The Committee to whom was referred the resolution respecting the ancient drain through what are called Lispenards meadows to the Hudson River with instructions to enquire into the power of the Corporation to cause the same to be opened Respectfully Report that in their opinion the Corporation have the power to cause the same to be opened if the public health or the comfort and convenience of that part of the City require it—the permission given by the board to open a new drain or outlet thro' Canal Street and to fill up the old drain was founded upon the opinion that the new outlet would answer all the purposes of the old, & if experience shews that opinion to be erroneous, the permission founded upon it may & ought to be rescinded

S. Jones Junr
signed John Morss
Peter Hawes"

which was approved, and the Street Commissioner was directed to have the old drain opened.

The Street Comssr presented a return of delinquents on the Assessment for paving Mulberry Street Whereupon a Warrant was ordered to issue to the Collector for collecting the same.

[94] The Committee on the subject of the Pier at Duane Street Basin reported as follows

" The Committee appointed to view the Pier in Duane Basin having examined the same & heard the reasons given by Mr John Anderson why the outer block was not constructed & built conformable to the plan & Contract, Report

That in their opinion there is as much work done as was contracted for, and to appearance in a workmanlike manner, they therefore recommend that Mr Anderson be paid the same as if there had been no alteration in the construction thereof

Which is respectfully submitted

G. Buckmaster
(Signed) Thos Carpenter
Saml Stilwell "

Octr 14th 1811.

Which Report was agreed to.

The Comptroller reported

Cash in the Treasury	11'793.87
Warrants not presented	7333.78
	$4460. 9

Whereupon his Honor the Mayor was requested to issue Warrants for payment of the following sums Viz

[95] Lawrence & Van Wart Watch	592.90
Farrington & White do	592.90
Goodheart & Hays do	779.80
F. Lynch Inspr of Bread 1 Qr Saly balce	86.80
Wm M. Summers do do	79.10
P. Tabele 1 Qr Subn Pub: Advertiser	18.75
A. Curtis Regr of dogs balce a/c	258.86
John Smart Copying Asst Canal Stt	100.
Henry Mather examining do	25.
Bleecker & Bibby Selling sundry lots	94.
Thos Taylor, Well corner of Grand & Crosby St	23.
Wm Smith, earth carted to Chatham Square	4.80
Wm Hoghland Esr expences sweeping machine	30.
Wm Torrey Esr to pay Lamp lighters	543.79
Thos & Geo: Lovett on DeLancey Strt	520.
Bailey & Graham on a/c Orchard Stt	200.
Thos Scott stepping stones Front St Fly market	145.93
Chas Mooney on Mulberry Stt	100.

Arch^{d} Smyth bal^{ce} on Sugar Loaf St^{t}	90.79
D^{o} bal^{ce} regul^{g} Varick & Beach St^{ts}	75.
Armstrong & Bordan regul^{g} Charles St^{t}	30.
Pat. Kane inters^{n} Marketf^{d} & State St^{s}	25.48
Tho^{s} Scott do Church & Duane St^{t}	22.50
	$4438.80

[96] In Common Council October 21st 1811.

Present The Hon^{ble} Dewitt Clinton, Mayor, President.

Peter Mesier	Esq^{rs} Aldermen	Samuel Jones Jun^{r}	Esq^{rs} Assistants.
Thomas Carpenter		Peter Hawes	
Richard Cunningham		Augustine H Lawrence	
William Hoghland		Elisha W. King	
William Torrey		John Morss	
George Buckmaster		Michael M. Titus	
Caleb Pell		William Welling	
Nicholas Fish		Will^{m} A. Hardenbrook	
John Pell		Abraham Van Gelder.	

The Minutes of the last meeting were read & approved.

A communication from William Cammeyer on the subject of baking & sale of Bread was read & referred to the former Committee on the Memorial of the Bakers.

A Petition for a well corner of Lewis & Grand Streets and a petition for one at Greenwich Corner of Hammond Street were read & granted under the usual regulations & the direction of the Alderman & Assistant of the respective wards & the Superintendant of Repairs.

A Petition from sundry inhabitants of [97] *of* Bedlow Street praying that a Watchman may be stationed in said street was read and referred to the Watch Committee.

A Petition from Richard Tucker (as agent for owners of a lot) praying a revision of the Assessment for the drain in Water Street was read—Whereupon Resolved that the Petitioner have leave to withdraw his Petition

A Petition of Thomas Haight to be appointed a Measurer of Grain &c^{a} was read, & the prayer thereof granted.

A request of Sundry Inhabitants of Bloomingdale & Haerlem praying to have the Old Engine House standing in Chatham (Street) square, was read and referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

A further Petition of Rhea & Oliver for paym^{t} of Curb & Gutter Stone at Hudson Square was read, and referred to the Comptroller.

with directions to report a Warrant, if correct, for the sum due to them.

The City Inspector reported drafts of Ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances from N° 351 to N° 375. which were passed.

A Letter from John Charles to Mr Lawrence Chairman of Finance Comme was read which stated that he was delayed from going to Europe to meet his family, who were now there, solely by a settlement not being made of his demand against the Corporation for Ground taken to [98] open*ing* Chamber Street & praying that the same might be effected Whereupon Resolved that the Comptroller be directed to report a Warrant in his favor for the amount due him, deducting Interest for the advanced payment & upon his surrendering his lease.

The Comptroller presented a Grant to John DePeyster for a Water Lot on the East River between Front & South Streets which having been examined by Mr Hawes as Counsel was ordered to be duly executed.

The Road Committee to whom was committed the rebuilding of the Bridge over Haerlem-dam presented the account for the same by which it appeared that a balance of Drs 469.31 remained due Whereupon the Comptroller was directed to report a Warrant in favor of the Chairman of the Road Comme for the same.

The following persons were appointed Firemen the Cheif Engineer having certified the vacancies

Fire Engine Company N° 28.

Wm Jones—Slater—Crosby St 8th ward. v. Richd Rhodes decd
Henry Hanson—Grocer d° v. David Livingston resd
Stephen Cleveland—Carpenter do. v. Wm Gilmore d°

Calvin Corven, Cartman Anthony St		Additional Men.
Peleg Olney—Carpenter Mott	8th Ward	
Abijah Barker—Cartman Essex	10 "	
Lewis Jones—Cooper—Crosby	8 "	
Alexr Oliver Cartman do	do	
Enoch Jones Mason do	do	

[99] Fire Engine Company N° 34.

Tunis Cooper junr Clerk 5th Ward Court Hammond Street 8th Wd v. Garrit Debaum resd

Fire Engine Company N° 7.

Alexdr Andrews Grocer N° 60 Gold St 2d W. v. Josh Price resd

The Street Commissioner proposed that Jeromus Johnson be appointed Assessor in the ordinance for widening of Maiden Lane in the place of Isaac Burr who declined serving.

The Street Comss^r^ presented the Assessment for widening Jay Street as corrected by the Assessors which was agreed to.

The Street Comss^r^ presented a Report on the Petition for paving part of Broadway which was referred to the Committee on Streets.

The Street Commss^r^ presented the Assessment for paving Stanton Street from the Bowery to Orchard Street & the Assessment for regulating Grand Street from Arundel to Cannon Street which were confirmed & Morris De Camp was appointed Collector in the former & Noah Jarvis in the latter.

The Committee on the Fire Department to whom was referred the Petition of the different Fire Companies for the establishment of another Hook & Ladder Company Reported

"That in their opinion another Hook & Ladder *Com* [100] Com-
"pany would be highly advantageous in stopping the progress of fires—
"They therefore recommend the raising of a company to consist of
"Eighteen men & that the Committee on the fire department cause
"the necessary apparatus to be constructed for the use of the said
"Company & cause the same to be placed at the square in Chatham
"Street or such other place as they shall think proper—Signed, Peter
"Hawes—William A. Hardenbrook"
which was agreed to.

Resolved that the Males convicted of Petit Larceny at the last Court of General Sessions & sentenced to confinement in the City prison be employed at labor on the Public works at Bellevue under the direction of the Bellevue Committee.

On motion of M^r^ Hawes the Board took up the consideration of the Memorial of the purchasers of the Inclenburgh Lots, when after some debate the following resolution was proposed.

"That the determination of this Board heretofore made on this
"subject, be confirmed with this modification, that the Interest on the
"principal monies together with Quit rents paid shall be included in
"the Bonds to be given, deducting [101] however such sums as may
"have been received for rent, or such profits as may otherwise have accrued from the occupancy of such lots, the same to be ascertained in such way as the Committee heretofore appointed on that subject in conjunction with the Comptroller, shall prescribe" (The Inclenburgh Committee consists of Mess^rs^ Hawes, Jones & King)—A motion was made to strike out all the words following the word "confirmed",

On the question of agreeing to the same a Division having been called it passed in the Negative thus

Negative—Ald^{n} Mesier, Carpenter, Hoghland & Fish Mess^{rs} Jones, Hawes, King, Morss, Titus, Welling Hardenbrook & Van Gelder. 12

Affirmative M^{r} Recorder—Alderman Cunningham, Torrey, Buckmaster, C. Pell, J. Pell, M^{r} Lawrence 7.

The question being then taken on the whole resolution & a Division being called it was carried in the Affirmative as follows.

Affirmative Ald^{n} Mesier, Carpenter Cunningham Hoghland, C. Pell & Fish Mess^{s} Jones, Hawes, King, Morss, Titus, Welling, Hardenbrook & Van Gelder

Negative The Recorder, Ald^{n} Torrey, Buckmaster, J. Pell M^{r} Lawrence 5.

The Finance Committee reported that in Obedience to [102] the directions of the Board they had effected a Loan of Forty Thousand Dollars (40.000) at seven P Cent Per annum, a considerable part of which they have agreed shall be reimbursed by the three last payments to be received by notes for the lots to be sold at auction by order of the Board on the 24th inst. at Peck Slip—the balance payable in one year from this date"

Which report was approved of.

Resolved that the Chancellor & the Justices of the Supreme Court be invited to visit the New City Hall and their opinion asked as to the room most suitable to be finished for the accommodation of that Court & that the Building Committee be charged with this business.

Resolved that the Street Commissioner be directed to cause the incumbrances in the Streets to be forthwith removed, occasioned by the erection of buildings under cover.

The following resolution respecting obstructions in the East river at Great Barn island was proposed and agreed to—"At the suggestion of the Committee on the subject of the Bridge from Manhattan Island to great Barn Island now undergoing repair—Resolved that his Honor the Mayor be requested, with the advice of the said Committee to cause such *meas* [103] measures to be taken as he may find necessary or deem proper & sufficient to prevent the channel of the river over which the said Bridge is built, or the navigation of the East river, from being obstructed or injured by the operations in repairing the same."

The following resolution was proposed & agreed to, "Whereas it is apprehended that the frequent fires which have lately occurred in this city have been the result of design—Therefore

" Resolved that the Mayor be authorized to issue a Proclamation " offering a reward of Three Hundred Dollars for the discovery and " apprehension of the offenders or any of them to be paid on con- " viction."

Resolved that the Recorder Aldⁿ Hoghland & M^r Hawes be a Committee to take into consideration the Memorial of Richard Varick heretofore presented Viz, on the   day of
respecting the Wharf at the foot of Partition Street.

The consideration of the request of P. H. Schenck to erect a lime house was taken up & the following resolution was agreed to

" Resolved that Peter H. Schenck be authorized to erect a lime-house on the site of the old Oswego market [104] " on condition that " he erect his contemplated buildings on the line of the street as laid " out by this Corporation at as early a period in the spring as the " season will permit."

A specimen of a new invented Leader for Fire Engines was presented by M^r Hardenbrook and the Committee on the Fire Department were requested to have a leader of similar construction made for the purpose of testing its utility.

The Comptroller reported

Cash in the Treasury	40'521.31
Warrants not presented	500. 2
	$40,021.29

Accounts Audited.

S. Stilwell St^t Comss^r 1 Q^r Salary &c to 5th inst	414.
Morning Post 1 Q^r Subspⁿ to 10th Aug^t	18.75
E. Watkeys, Candles for City Hall	12.75
P. Naylor, work to Bridewell	13.68
J. Murray & Sons, Int^t on Bond 1 Year to 1st Sp^{tr}	176.
T. Lyon, for Engine House in Chatham Square	300.
D. Woolsey 1st & 2^d Instalm^t of Ab: Bussings proportⁿ for Pier at Cortlandt street slip—Corporation 2^d Instal^t D^o; & 2^d Instal^t Pier Beekman slip	3150.65
Arch^d Smyth Corpⁿ propⁿ paving Pearl Str^t (Magz)	654.63
Pat. Kane do do Marketfield Street	174.14
Ja^s Kelly, regul^g & repav^g Mott & Elizth St^t &c^a	128.92
[105] Abr^m Stagg on Rivington Street	100.
Tho^s Scott flagging at Watch House Spring st	58.80
Sam^l Delamater & other Assessors	53.
Tho^s Scott, pav^g Intsⁿ Nassau Street	22.50
Henry Brush rep^g Pumps 7 & 10 Wards	91.93
W^m S. Castle D^o do 2. 3^d do	90.65

Mattw Banks repg Pumps 7 & 10. Wards	66.44
Jas Richardson cleang Wells 2 & 10 do	32.24
John Randel Junr Surveyg Streets &c balce a/c	354.32
Do on a/c Instruments for surveying	1000.
P. Schermerhorn Verdict for damage to Rope walk	1103.98
Saml Cowdrey Costs on above suit	45. 8
Wm Torrey Chairmn Lamp Come for oil	1500.
Jacob P. Roome Supt Repairs to pay a/cs	1050.
Chas Dickenson Treasr Board of Health	800.
John H. Sickels Treasr New City Hall	5000.
Do Do do	6000.
	$22.412.46

Whereupon his Honor the Mayor was requested to issue his Warrants for the payment of the above several sums.

Adjourned.

[106] In Common Council October 28th 1811

Present. The Hone DeWitt Clinton Mayor Presdt

Thomas Carpenter
Charles Dickenson
William Hoghland
William Torrey
George Buckmaster
John Pell
Esqrs Aldermen

Peter Hawes
Elisha W. King
John Morss
Michael M. Titus
William Welling
Wm A. Hardenbrook
Abraham Vn Gelder
Esqrs Assistants.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read & approved

A Petition from sundry persons was received praying that Sullivan Street may be so regulated as that the water may run into Spring Street—Ordered that the same be referred to the Street Commissioner.

An Account of Justus Dearman for work done to Burling Slip was read & referred to the Comptroller & Street Commissioner

A Petition of Cornelius Sebring for remission of sundry penalties recovered against him was read & referred to the following Committee, with authority to remit the same if in their opinion proper Viz Aldn Buckmaster, Mr Hawes, Aldn Carpenter.

[107] Petitions from Fire Engine Company No 20 for a Reel & an additional length of Leader & from Company No 11. for a new Engine House & for repairs to their Engine were read & referred to the Committee on Fire Department.

A Petition from Wm Bonker J. Hutchings & R Boss. stating that they had been employed by Abner Curtis under the Dog Law & that he refused them compensation and praying the interference of the Board was read.

Whereupon Resolved that the Petitioners have leave to withdraw their Petition.

A Request from Abel W. Hardenbrook for an advance of $350. on acc^t of work for Fire Engines was read & a Warrant ordered to issue for the same.

The following persons were appointed Firemen the Cheif Engineer certifying the vacancies

Fire Company N^o 21

Andrew Shaw Merch^t N^o 442 Pearl St^t 4th W. v. J. K. Goodman resg^d

And^w Lent sail Maker 65 Beekman S^t 2d W. v. Brigham Howe do.

The Attorney of the Board made a report of the fees of the Juries for Assessments taken to open Stone, Front, Dover & Washington Streets as follows Viz.

[108] " The Attorney of the board begs leave to represent that the late Sheriff M^r Dunscomb & the Jurors for opening Stone, Dover Front & Washington Streets had called & requested him to apply for a Warrant for the amount of their fees

Stone Street.		
Jurors Fees	36.	
Sheriffs do	6.50	
		42.50
Front Street.		
Jurors Fees	36.00	
Sheriffs do	6.50	
		42.50
Dover Street.		
Jurors fees	12.00	
Sheriffs d^o	6.50	
		18.50
Washington Street.		
Jurors Fees	72.00	
Sheriffs do	13.75	
		85.75
	D^{rs}	189.25

The above sums have been collected & paid in, except in the case of Washington St^t that I (he) understand has not yet been collected All which is submitted

Oct^r 28th 1811. Isaac A, Van Hook "

The same was referred to the Street Commissioner & Comptroller.

The Attorney made a Communication to the [109] board stating that many vessels bringing Alien Passengers from Europe were in the practice of landing them at Perth Amboy in New Jersey to avoid entering into Bonds for them here as enjoined by law, that those passengers came coastwise to this City & frequently became chargeable—he suggested the propriety of *of* making application to the Legislature of New Jersey which is now in Session, on the subject

Ordered to be referred to Ald^{n} Torrey M^{r} Hawes M^{r} King.

A Memorial from William Bridges & others City Surveyors stating sundry inconveniences experienced by the present mode of surveying Lots in the City & recommending that the City be divided into districts & Surveyors to be appointed for each.

Ordered to be referred to M^{r} King M^{r} Welling M^{r} Hardenbrook

The City Inspector reported drafts of Ordinances for correcting sundry nuisances from N° to which passed.

A Petition of Abraham Stagg praying payment for Curb & Gutter Stone south side of Hudson square was read & referred to the Street Commissioner.

[110] Ordered that the Superintendant of Repairs under the direction of the Committee of Repairs, make such reparations to the Battery as may be deemed necessary.

Resolved that the General Comm^{er} of Surveys be requested to take charge of the Stone Monuments marking the Streets on the Island & see that they are not injured.

The following Resolution on the obstructions in the East River at Great Barn Island was read and agreed to

" Whereas it has been represented to the Common Council that sundry persons owners & proprietors of Great Barn Island under a pretence of having power from the Legislature of the State of New York to erect a Bridge across Haerlem river & to keep the same in repair, have in part filled up the Channel with Stone and are now actually engaged in extending such nuisance & which it is apprehended will greatly increase the Current of the East river & injure the navigation thereof, for prevention of which Resolved that his Honor the Mayor be authorized & requested to cause such coercive measures to be taken as he may deem proper & [111] sufficient to prevent the Channel of Haerlem river from being further obstructed except so far as may be actually necessary for the purpose of repairing the Said Bridge.

The Comptroller Reported

Cash in the Treasury	37.302,33	
Warrants not presented	4'543.15	
		32'759.18

Whereupon his Honor the Mayor was requested to issue his Warrants to pay the following Bills Viz.

Accounts Audited

Lawrence & Van Wart Watch	592.90
Farrington & White do	592.90
Goodheart & Hays do	779.80
Jacob Hays 16 Sundays in 3 Ward	24.
Moses Cunningham 13 do 8. do	19.50
Z. Lewis Advertg Asst Notices (Com: Advr)	520.
Editor Evg Post do do	440.00
Jos: L. Smith 4 lost fire buckets	8.
Jno Anderson balce on Pier at Duane Street	1000.
Rhea & Oliver Curb & Gutter Stone in Beach St along Hudson Square ordered on 21st inst	929. 6
Ezekiel Bishop & other Assessors Sundry Stts	434.50
Thos Scott paving &ca side Cathe Market	207.49
[112] John Bailey on a/c pavg Grand Stt	120.
Do do do Orchard Stt	100.
John Charles, for ground taken to open Chamber Strt ordered on 21. instt	1155.71
Enoch Hoyt filling Collect Lots	237.50
Hugh Smith Earth deposited in do	111.81
Uzal W. Freeman surveying 8th Avenue	65.50
Nichs Fish Esqr to pay balance for work at Bridge over Haerlem dam, Ordd 21st inst	469.31

Applications.

W. Torrey Esqr Chairn Lamp Comee for Oil	1000.
R. Furman Supdt Alms House	5000.
J. P. Roome Supdt of Repairs	300.
	Drs 14'107.98

Balance in Treasury from other side	*32'759.18
Amount of Warrants as above	14'107.98
	Drs 18'651.20

Adjourned

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* This represents the amount given in the Comptroller's report above, which in the manuscript volume was on the other side of the page.—ED.

[113] In Common Council November 4th 1811.

Present The Honble DeWitt Clinton Mayor President

Charles Dickinson	Esqrs Aldermen	Elisha W. King	Esqrs Assistants
Richard Cunningham		John Morss	
William Hoghland		Isaac S. Douglass	
William Torry		Michael M. Titus	
George Buckmaster		William Welling	
Caleb Pell		Wm A. Hardenbrook	
John Pell			

This being the period of the Quaterly visitation of the Alms House & Bridewell the Board proceeded to perform that duty—after which the following business was transacted.

The Minutes of last meeting were read & approved.

A Communication was rec'd from Robt Bogardus requesting payment for ground taken from the Estate of Francis Lynch decd for widening Pearl late Magazine Street Ordered that the same be refed to Strt Commissioner.

A Pettn from Phoebe Wright was rec'd stating that she is a lessee of the Corporation, that at the Fire in May last her house was burnt & praying some relief—Was referred to Commee of Charity

[114] A Petition of George Ryers praying permission to relinquish his Stall No 11 Fly Market & to be assigned to Stall No 4 Duane market was received & referred to the Market Committee

A Petition of Jasper Ward & others remonstrating against the Assessment for filling in Peck Slip was read & referred to the Street Commissioner.

A Petition of Samuel Winship was read stating that he was prosecuted for ferrying passengers from Grand Street Ferry to Bushwick, Long Island—that he is Assignee of said ferry under A. Cannon decd who was a lessee under the Corporation & praying relief—Ordered to be refd to ye Atty of the Board.

A Petition of Joseph McCleland for Tavern licence gratis, was read & resolved that Petitioner have leave to withdraw his Petition.

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants of Greenwich complaining of the practice of gunning in that neighborhood to the great hazard of the lives of many, was read & referred to the City Inspector.

A Petition of Wm Todd for payment for digging out the upper end of Cherry Street was read & referred to the St Commissioner

[115] A Petition from John Charles was read stating that the Comptroller in the account for rent on his lot, had charged it up to the 1 inst, that the House on said lot was consumed by fire in May

last & that since that time the lot has been of no use to him & praying that he may be charged with rent only to the first of May last Ordered to be referred to the Comptroller.

A complaint from Sundry Watchmen against Silas Tobias Assistant of the Watch of 2d District was read & referred to the Watch Committee.

A Petition from Fire Engine C^{o} N^{o} 26 for additional length of Leader & for a Reel was read & referred to the Committee on the Fire Department, with authority to comply with the request if in their opinion proper.

The following persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies

Fire Engine Comp^{y} N^{o} 18.

Joseph Price Gunsmith N^{o} 260 Water St. 4th W^{d} v. Rob^{t} Wardell prom^{d}

Gerardus C. Langdon Grocer 94 S^{o} St^{t} 2d v. Ja^{s} Lockwood res^{d}

A Petition of Gerardus Woolsey was read stating that he is a lessee of the Corporation, that in consequence of the late alterations in Pearl late Magazine Street his house is overflowed with water & greatly injured & praying relief

Ordered to be referred to the Street Commissioner

[116] It having been represented to the Board that a very considerable number of the Maps of the City remained unsold—it was referred to the Comptroller and Clerk of the Common Council to sell them to the best advantage that they could.

The Comptroller Reported

Cash in the Treasury Nov^{r} 4	31'941.68
Warrants not presented	1'3156.38
	$18'785,30

Whereupon His Honor the Mayor was requested to issue his Warrants to pay the following

Accounts Audited.

Alderman	Mesier attend^{g}	Court of Sessions	May	44.
"	Dickinson	d^{o}	June July Oct^{r}	88.
"	Carpenter	do	May & Oct^{r}	60.
"	Cunningham	d^{o}	June & Aug^{t}	60.
"	Hoghland		May & July	24.
"	Torry		July	32.
"	Buckmaster		Aug^{t} & Oct^{r}	40.
"	Caleb Pell		July. Aug^{t}	60.
"	Fish		Sept^{r}	48.
"	John Pell		May & Sept^{r}	52.

[117] James Hardie Asst City Inspr 1 Mo Saly	62.50
Andrew Otterson do do	54.
R. Graves Asst Strt Comssr 2 Months	130.
Mott Hicks do 1 Mo	54.
Adrian B Holmes. do "	54.
Wm P. Roome Keeper Potters field "	31.
Wm Willess Coroner 1 Qr to 1 Novr	90.61
Wm Post Carriage hire for BelleVue Comee	121.
Amos Rooke Keeper of Signal Poles 1 Qr Saly	82.50
J L & S Hoyt rope for Fire Departmt	70.62
Benjn Haight leather hats for Watch 2d Distt	179.68
Thos Clark 1st instalmt filling Courtlandt St Slip	344.25
Henry Hulshart inspectg paving sundry Stts	261.28
Jas Cunningham a/c regulating Goerck Stt	80.
Adolphus Loss Surveying &ca	45.80
Isaac Sharpless & Geo. Gosman arbitration fees in estimating value of a Lease & building at intersection of George Bancker & Cheapside St pr Assmt 20th June 1809	10.
Wm Wilmerding attendg at office of St. Commissioner 35 days at 20/ approvd by Chairn Come of Assessments	87.50
Drs	2266.74

Balance in Treasury .... $16'518.56

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[118] In Common Council November 11th 1811

Present The Hone DeWitt Clinton Mayor President

Aldermen:

Peter Mesier
Thos Carpenter
Charles Dickinson
Richard Cunningham
William Hooghland
William Torry
Caleb Pell
Nicholas Fish
John Pell

Assistants:

Samuel Jones Junr
Peter Hawes
Augustine H. Lawrence
Elisha W. King
John Morss
Isaac S. Douglass
Michael M. Titus
William Welling
Wm A. Hardenbrook
Abraham Van Gelder.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A Petition from Fire Engine Company No 13. for an additional length of Leader was read & referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

A Communication was received from the Trustees of the African Methodist Church stating that the said Trustees had no authority to grant to the Corporation for any specific time a part of their grounds [119] to erect a Fire Engine House upon, but that in all probability the ground would not be wanted by them in ten or fifteen years, that if the Corporation were willing to accept the privilege of erecting an Engine House upon their ground subject to the order of the Trustees, it might be so erected at the corner of Church & Leonard Streets: Resolved that the same be referred to the Committee on the Fire Department with authority to accept of the Grant on the above terms & to erect an Engine House at the place therein specified.

A Communication from Gurdon S Mumford, Leonard Bleecker & W^m J. Waldron, the Committee of the Purchasors of the Inclenbergh Lots was read stating that all the Purchasers of said lots excepting Michael Wymes, had acceeded to the terms of the Resolution of the Com: Council on that subject—that said Wymes was absent from the City, but that they had no doubt he would also comply—that in mean time the Committee of the Corporation did not conceive themselves authorized under present circumstances to issue the Bonds contemplated in said Resolution without the further order of the Board—Whereupon Resolved that the Committee of this Board on the subject be authorized to order Bonds of this Corporation to issue agreably to the Resolution of the Common Council—if in their opinion proper.

[120] A Petition of Charles Gillman Jun^r for permission to exchange Stall N^o 6 Duane market for Stall N^o 4 same market was read & referred to the Market Comm^ee

Petitions were received from John Michaels, George Brady, Joseph Waldron, John Pain, Joseph George, Casparus Romaine Henry Webb & a verbal application on behalf of Abraham Resseque for the appointment to the office of Wood Inspector in place of David Waldron deceased, which were referred to the Committee on Applications with a request that they would report at the next meeting of the Board.

On recommendation of the Fire Wardens of the 6th Ward Stephen Burdett was appointed Fire Warden of said ward in place of Garrit B. Abeel removed from the ward.

A remonstrance was received from John Good, against the Assessment for opening Chamber Street which was referred to the Street Commissioner.

The Attorney of the Board presented the Awards of the Arbitrators in the cases of Richard P. Lawrence & John Good for the consideration upon which they were to surrender their Leases of lots

—the former in Chatham & the latter in Augustus, Street, The awards were that the Corporation should pay to Richard P. Lawrence nineteen hundred Dollars & to John Good One Thousand Dollars upon the surrender of their respective leases—A letter was also rec'd from R. P. Lawrence stating his readiness to comply with the award—Whereupon Resolved that this Board will [121] perform their part of the award and that the Comptroller report Warrants for that purpose.

The Street Commissioner reported that the Assessment for opening Chamber Street from Augustus to Chatham Street had been advertized agreably to Law & that he had rec'd objections thereto from Peter Lorillard & John N. Weathershire which he enclosed—Ordered that the same be referred to the Assessors for their consideration.

An Account of John Anderson for Wharf built for accommodation of Steam Ferry Boat was referred to the Street Commissioner.

A letter was rec'd from J. R. B. Rodgers Health officer requesting permission to build at the expence of the Commissioners of the Health Office a Boat house for the accommodation of their barge at or near Whitehall Slip—Ordered to be referred to the Committee on Wharves with authority to grant the same if in their opinion proper.

A Petition of Donald Frazer to be appointed a Weigh Master was read and granted

A remonstrance from sundry proprietors of lots in Pearl (late Magazine Street) objecting to the assessment for paving & raising the said Street was read & referred to Aldermen Fish C. Pell Cunningham & St^t Commissioner

[122] A Letter from Thomas Brown Chief Engineer, resigning his office on account of the state of his health was read and his resignation accepted

The following persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer having certified the Vacancies

Fire Engine Company N° 23.

Gilbert Robinson Shoemaker C. Pump & W^{m} S^{t} 4th Ward v. Joseph Labry rem^{d} fr: City

N° 7.

Elias Kent do 64 Bayard St^{t} 6th Ward v. W^{m} Lowrie insane

James G. Haviland Ironmongerer 123 Water St^{t} 1st W. v: John Hall res^{d}

N° 1.

James King Cooper N° 41 Cliff St^{t} 2^{d} W^{d} v: John Wheeler dec^{d}

W^{m} Gibbons Grocer
81 Front S^{t} 1 W^{d} v: James Speir res^{d}
David J Gibson Acc^{tt}
35 Liberty St^{t} 2^{d} " " Lawrence V. Deforest res^{d}
Rich^{d} G. Loweree Cooper
21 Cliff 2 " " Alex^{r} Fisher res^{d}

N° 22.

W^{m} Garrard Shipwright Corlaers Hook 7th W. v: W^{m} Hopewood res^{d}

N° 14

Abraham Skaats Carver &c 125 Chamber 5th W. v. Benj^{n} Mercer ex^{d}

N° 32.

John Neal Butcher N° 60 Orchard Street 10th Ward v. Edw^{d} Snouck res^{d}

A Memorial of Gilbert B. Mott & Sam^{l} Saffern members of Fire Engine Company N° 16 complaining of the conduct of some of the Firemen of N° 24 was read and referred to the Engineers of the Fire Department.

Petition of Engine N° 11 for repairs & Hose granted

[123] An a/c of Richard Smith for repairs done at Hell Gate Ferry was presented & refferred to the Superintendant of Repairs & the Comptroller.

A Petition of Nathan^{l} Lounsbery that a Lamp may be placed at the Corner of Goerck & Broome Streets was read & referred to the Lamp Committee.

A Memorial of Isaac Ball to be appointed to collect the Assessment for opening Chamber Street was read & referred to the Street Commissioner.

The Street Commissioner presented a return of delinquents on the Assessment for regulating & paving De Lancy Street from Norfolk to Lewis Street & for the Assessment for widening Leonard Street between Broadwy & Hudson Street Whereupon Warrants were ordered to issue to the Collectors to collect the same.

The Street Commissioner on the Petition of Ab^{m} Stagg for a Collector to be appointed to collect the Assessment for curb and gutter stone in Laight Street on the Northeasterly side of Hudson square reported, that in his opinion it would be adviseable to appoint a Collector as the proprietors on that side of the square appear to have no objections to paying the Assessment & the Contractor is in great want of money Which is respectfully submitted

Sam^{l} Stilwell
St^{t} Comss^{r}

which was agreed to & Morris De Camp appointed the Collector.

[124] The Street Commissioner presented a report upon the remonstrance against the Assessment for filling Peck Slip which was referred to the following Committee with authority to take the opinion of Council upon the subject

Com^{ee} Mess^{rs} King Hawes & Jones

The Street Commissioner on the Petition of Gerardus Woolsey for compensation of damages said to be sustained by altering the regulation of Pearl Street Reported That in almost every instance of *of* regulating Streets some persons consider themselves aggrieved, but no provision has been made for the estimation or payment of such damages—most if not all the damage done by the overflowing of water since the late regulation in Pearl Street was in consequence of the lots and walks not being properly filled & the kennels of the street being obstructed with sand & rubbish. And as the hardships complained of by the Petitioner are among those evils for which the Street Commissioner knows no remedy, except it be in compelling the proprietors to fill & regulate their lots according to law he would suggest to the Board whether it would not be best to let the Petitioner withdraw his petition

Which &c^{a} Sam^{l} Stilwell S^{t} Coms^{r}

Which report was agreed to.

[125] The Comptroller on the Petition of John Charles Reported "That agreably to the order of the Board on the 21st October last a warrant was reported in favor of the Petitioner for ground & buildings taken for opening Chamber Street deducting one months interest to the time allowed by law for payment & one year & a half Ground rent due 1st inst. The Petitioner wishes to be exempted from payment of rent for the last six months, stating that the fire which consumed his house happened in May last since which the lot has been of no use to him & that he considers it to have been out of his occupancy. This last objection the Subscriber is conscious to be incorrect, inasmuch as the petitioner was under no obligation to relinquish to the Corporation that portion of the lot which remained out of the intended Street; and by assuming the Assessment of about Five Hundred Dollars which is attached to the remainder of the lot & paying

the petitioner the award of the Jury the Board are entitled to the rent due until the surrender of the lease which was on the 6th instant. The petitioner might have built on the residue of the lot & was in actual possession of all that the Corporation leased to him. The opinion of the Street Commissioner who has been consulted on this subject coincides with that of the Subscriber—that the Board was under no obligation to take back the remainder of the lot, left out of the street and to assume the assessment aforesaid, but in consideration of the peculiar situation of the petitioner with [126] respect to his domestic concerns, & actuated by benevolent motives they agreed to accept his lease in order to facilitate the settlement of his business with the Corporation.

Should the Board however feel disposed to continue their liberality by exonerating the petitioner from half a years ground rent amounting to Drs 93:75 it will be necessary to direct a further warrant to be reported for that Sum But from the remarks above made the Subscriber cannot perceive the propriety of recommending the payment on the score of justice or equity Respectfully submitted

G. N. Bleecker"

Which report was agreed to

The Committee on the representation of the Attorney on the subject of Aliens being landed in New Jersey who afterwards come to this city and become chargeable reported "That the subject is of much importance to our City and the evil complained of ought, if possible to be remidied They therefore recommend that his Honor the Mayor be requested in the name of the Corporation of the City of New York and under their common seal to present a respectful memorial to the Legislature of the State of New Jersey now in Session representing the grievance and praying that a Law may be passed by them on the subject calculated to redress the same

W. Torrey Aldn Messs Hawes & King"

Which Report was agreed to.

[127] His Honor the Mayor laid before the Board a Letter addressed to him from the Honc Gouverneur Morris on the subject of the injuries which would accrue to the Navigation of our Port from the filing in of the Channel of the East river at Great Barn Island and detailing the evil consequences of the same which was read and ordered to be filed & His Honor the Mayor was requested to write to Mr Morris & in the name of this Board to thank him for his communications on that subject

It was also resolved that the following Gentlemen be a Committee to draft a Petition to the Legislature praying that an Act may be passed restraining in future encroachments on the Navigable Streams within the Jurisdiction of this Corporation Comme Mess King Jones & Hawes

Resolved that the committee on the subject of the question now depending between this Board & Mr George Janeway respecting the Boundary line of their property be authorized to appoint a Referee on said subject on the part of this Board.

The Committee of the Fire Department on the Petition of the inhabitants of Bloomingdale & Harlaem Reported "That they understand that the old Engine House which formerly stood at Chatham Square has been made use of by the Superintendant of repairs They therefore recommend that *a* [128] a new House be built for the Petitioners, provided the expence of the same shall not exceed One Hundred and twenty dollars And that the Committee have the direction of building the same All which is submitted

Peter Hawes I. S. Donglass & Wm A. Hardenbrook

The same Committee on the Petition of No 20 reported that they recommend two additional lengths of leader be made for the same & that the Superintendant of Repairs cause a new Reel to be put up in the Engine House lately built for that company—Which is Submitted &ca

The Common Council in pursuance of the Statute in such case made and provided proceeded to elect by ballot Inspectors for the ensuing Anniversary Election of Charter Officers to commence on Tuesday the 19th inst when the following persons were elected & the following places fixed upon for holding the Polls of several Wards Viz

First Ward

William W. Ludlow
John Breath
Peter A Jay
} Poll to be held at the City Hall.

Second Ward

John Vanderbilt Junr
John De Peyster
Peter Talman
} Poll to be held at Jacob Franks Tavern, sign of Green Bay Tree

[129] Third Ward.

Samuel Boyd
Benjamin Haight
John W. Weyman
} Poll to be held at Ogdens Tavern No 5 Courtlandt St

	Fourth Ward
Peter McCartee Andrew Raymond Isaac Burr Junr	Poll to be held at Harmony Hall corner of Duane & Wm Street
	Fifth Ward
John P Groshong Lewis Ford James Davidson	Poll to be held at Liberty Hall corner of Church & Duane St
	Sixth Ward
William Wright Bernard Kennedy Richard Hatfield	Poll to be held at 6th Ward Hotel No 14 Mott Street
	Seventh Ward
Beal N. Lewis James Smith Samuel Torbert	Poll to be held at Smith Place's Tavern Cherry Street
	Eighth Ward
David S Jones Saml Whittemore Saml Russell	Poll to be held at Zaddock Haddens tavern Bowery
	Ninth Ward
Daniel Cotton Elbert Kip Thomas Taylor	Poll to be held at the house of John N. Grentzback
	[130] Tenth Ward
Jameson Cox Noah Brown Solomon Wheeler	Poll to be held at the house of Francis Winton No 65 Bowery lane

Resolved that the following be appointed a Committee to make the usual and necessary arrangements for the celebration of the evacuation of this City by the British Troops Messrs Jones Lawrence Welling Hardenbrook

The Comptroller presented a Deed from the Mayor Aldermen & Commonalty to John & William Mott for Lots number One & Two situated near Peck Slip fronting on South Street, which having been examined by Mr Hawes as Council was directed to be executed.

The Comptroller reported as follows

1811	
November 11th Cash in the Treasury	25'787.19
Warrants not presented	1013.63
	Drs 24'773.56

Whereupon His Honor the Mayor was requested to issue his warrants to pay as follows

[131] Lawrence & Van Wart	Watch	592.90
Farrington & White	"	592.90

Goodheart & Hays	Watch	779.80
J. White room 2d District	“	5.
J. Allen & N. Eesinhart 13 Sundays 7th Ward		39.
Jas Mills 8 “ 8 “		12.
J. Richardson cleaning Wells 8 “		16.50
A. Ackerman Dock Stone at Battery		80.
L. Moore balce buildg Pier. E. Side Beekman Slip		251.86
J. Dearman Corpn propn reps Pr Burling do		341.77
Archd Smyth on a/c First Street		360.
John Graham ...... Orchard Stt		360.
A. Smyth .... Delancey St		170.
Abrm Stagg .... Cherry St		150.
Chas Mooney balce.. Laight St		120.
do on Mulberry St		100.
Thos Scott paving Intersections		397.43
Saml Doughty Foreman Jury Chamber St		180.
D J Ebbetts do on Washgn Harrison & Nh Moore Sts		109.50
J Johnson do on Stone & Dover Sts		48.
J. C. Krapff Surveyg Albany Avenue &c		96.32
Wm Bridges Surveying & Maps &ca		49.50
Thos Hazard to pay Marshalls &ca to 1st inst		177.50
Wm Torrey Chairn Lamp Come		500.
J, H, Sickles Treasr New City Hall		3000.
Elizth Archer 1 Yrs Intt on bond to 2d June last		173.20
	Drs	8703.18

[132] In Common Council November 18th 1811

Present The Honl DeWitt Clinton Mayor President
Pierre C. Van Wyck Esqr Recorder

Peter Mesier
Thomas Carpenter
Charles Dickenson
Richard Cunningham
William Hoghland
William Torrey
George Buckmaster
Caleb Pell
Nicholas Fish
John Pell
Alderman

Samuel Jones Junr
Peter Hawes
A. H. Lawrence
Elisha W. King
John Morss
Isaac S. Douglass
Michael M. Titus
William Welling
Wm A. Hardenbrook
Abraham Van Gelder
Assistants

The Minutes of the last meeting were read & approved.

Josiah Hedden was appointed a Freeman of the City and took the oath prescribed by the Charter

Letters were rec'd from Saml Boyd as Inspector of the ensuing Charter Election for the 3d Ward, from John P. Groshong of the 5th

Ward, from Jameson Cox of the 10th Ward & from Saml Torbert of the 7th Ward resigning their several appointments which were accepted and the following persons appointed in their places Viz,

[133] John Bogert for the 3d Ward
Roger Strong " 5th "
Dr Saml Ackerly " 7th "
James Palmer " 10th "

An account of John Chambers for services in valuing Boats at Horns Hook ferry was rec'd & refd to the Comptr

A Petition from the Foreman of Fire Engine Company No 37 was rec'd stating that as the Engine intended for that Company was nearly completed they prayed that a House might be built for its reception—Ordered that the same be referred to the Committee on the Fire Departmt

A Petition for a Pump in the vicinity of Elm Street and a Petition from the Inhabitants of the vicinity of Reed, Cross & Duane Streets for one, were read & granted under the usual restrictions & under the directions of the Aldermn & Asst of the Ward & Superintendant of Repairs.

A Petition of Joseph Coles was received stating that having been employed to superintend the building of the bridge over Harlaem Dam, the Committee had deducted one shilling per day from his account, which was his only profit on the job & praying a revision of the account, Ordered that the same be referred to the road Committee.

[134] A representation from the Board of Engineers of the Fire Department recommending that their number should be increased to eight & as there was a vacancy by the resignation of Thomas Brown they proposed Hays Pennell and John Colville to be appointed Engineers which being read it was thereupon Resolved that the number of Engineers be increased to Eight—Resolved further that the appointments to fill the vacancies be postponed until the next meeting.

A Petition of the Foremen of thirty six Fire Engine Companies praying that Thomas Franklin may be appointed Chief Engineer in the place of Thomas Browne resigned was read Whereupon it was Resolved that Thomas Franklin be and he is hereby appointed Chief Engineer of the Fire Department.

A request of Peter Schermerhorn that an order may be given for payment to him of one half of the expence for erecting the Pier adjoining Burling Slip owned by the Corporation, Mr Codwise & himself was read & referred to the Comptroller & Street Commissioner.

A Bill of Sam^{l} F. Randolph for the use of his room by the Grand Jury at the Sept^{r} Oct^{r} & Nov^{r} Sessions amounting in the whole to Doll^{s} 48. was presented and the Comptroller was directed to report a Warrant for payment of the same.

[135] A representation from sundry inhabitants that Isaac Valentine be appointed a Measurer of Grain was read Whereupon Resolved that Isaac Valentine be appointed a Measurer

A Petition that a Watchman be stationed at the corner of Mulberry & Pump street was read & referred to the Watch Committee

A representation from Silas Tobias on the subject of a complaint made against him was read & refe^{d} to the Watch Committee

Petitions from Thomas Halliday & Jacob Shurt for appointments of Wood Inspectors was read & refferred to the Committee of Applications.

The Engineers to whom had been referred the complaint against some members of Fire Engine Comp^{y} N^{o} 16. reported that they had attended to the contents of the Memorial & that they hoped eer long to suggest for the consideration of the Board such Rules as would in future prevent like occurrences; which report was approved.

A Petition of Lewis Plet was read stating that he had purchased the lease for the term of nine years, of two lots in Pearl (late Magazine) Street that he had erected thereon large buildings for the purpose of establishing cheap & commodious Baths; but that upon sinking Wells on the premises the Water was found utterly unfit for Bathing —he therefore prayed permission to place a tube in the well at the corner of Elm & Pearl Street to be continued during his lease to supply his bath with water, he engaging to keep said pump in repair & remove the tube if at any time found prejudicial to the Public. Ordered that the same be referred to the City Inspector & Superintendant of Repairs.

[136] The Committee to whom was referred the remonstrance against the Assessment for raising & paving Pearl (late Magazine) St^{r} Reported "That they have examined the assessment, by which & other information they find that the raising & paving the carriage way had been done wholly at the expence of the public & that the assessment is made upon the proprietors & occupants of Ground fronting on the Street only for the Gutter Stone, circular corners & removing 300 feet of Curb to widen the walks on the north side at the request of the concerned together with the expence of making the assessment all which your Committee believe to be just & are there-

fore of opinion that the petitioners for relief have leave to withdraw their petition & remonstrance—Which is submitted &c

Nich^{s} Fish
R. Cunningham
Sam^{l} Stilwell S^{t} Comss^{r}

which was agreed to.

The Street Commissioner presented a return of delinquents on the Assessment for paving & regulating Grand Street from Elizabeth to Rynder Street Whereupon a Warrant was ordered to issue to the Collector for collecting the same

The Street Comms^{r} to whom was referred the letter of Robert Bogardus on the subject of ground belonging to the Estate of Francis Lynch dec^{d} which had been taken to widen Pearl (late Magazine) Street *reported That*

[137] Reported " that he has caused a survey to be made a diagram of which is herewith presented shewing the ground in question required to be taken for the above purpose set off with a dotted line, and is of opinion that the attorney of the Board should be instructed to take legal measures for the purpose of obtaining the said ground for the street, which is respect^{fy} submitted

Sam^{l} Stilwell S^{t} Com^{r} "

which was agreed to & the Attorney of the Board was directed to take the necessary legal steps therein

Resolved that a warrant for One hundred dollars be issued when the Committee of the Fire department shall recommend it to Richard Crosby to assist him in obtaining a Patent for an improved Fire Engine invented by him

The following resolution was presented by M^{r} King

Resolved that M^{r} Skaats under the direction of the building Committee procure fuel & such other accommodations as may be necessary for the Common Council in the New City Hall for the ensuing Season On the question for agreeing to the same a Division having been called by M^{r} Jones it was carried in the affirmative as follows

Affirmative Ald^{n} Dickenson, Cunningham Hoogland, Torrey, Buckmaster, C. Pell & J. Pell Mess^{s} Hawes, Lawrence, King, Morss, Titus, Welling, Hardenbrook, Van Gelder, 15

Negative M^{r} Recorder Ald^{n} Mesier, Carpenter Fish M^{r} Jones 5

[138] Resolved that Benj^{n} S. Knapp Security for Araunah R. Martin as Collector on several Assessments be allowed the term of

six months for payment of the Balance due by said Martin upon his giving his Note with a sufficient endorser to be approved by the Comptroller, for payment of same at that period.

2d 3d

Resolved that the Committee for opening Second & Third Avenues be permitted, for the transaction of their business, to use the room at present occupied by the Governor as his Office, after he shall cease using the same, & in ye interim that they have the use of the room occupied by the Street Commissioner when not in immediate use by him.

Resolved that during the absence of Whitehead Fish from the City that the Comptroller be appointed to perform the duties of Chamberlain in relation to the approving of the Securities offered by the several Collectors of the Wards for the faithful performance of the duties of their Office.

Resolved that the Committee on the Petition of the purchasers of the Inclenberg lots be directed to execute the late Resolution of the Board on that subject unless upon further enquiry they should deem it necessary to make a further Report

The Comptroller Reported

Cash in the Treasury..Dolls 16.291.79

[139] His Honor the Mayor was requested to issue Warrants as follows.

Ths Hazard & Asst County Prison to 18th inst			512.50
G. N. Bleecker Comptr 1 Qr to 15th "			375.
Thos Brown Ch: Engineer to 11th & expences Fe Engine			237.59
Saml B. Romaine completg Tax Books 1811			250.
Evg Post advertg for St Comssr & 6 Mos Subn			51.25
John Bogart Carriage hire for Corpn			10.
J. J. Astor ground rent in Spring St for Watch			18.82
M. Wescom, Well in Lewis Street			23.
Abm Van Gelder cash advd on Assmt Grand Cannon & Elizth Sts			1152.94
Chas Mooney a/c Mulberry Stt			690.
Archd Smyth a/c paving		Delancey Stt	400.
Hugh Smith	do	Grand "	350.
T. & G. Lovett	do	Stanton "	300.
Abm Stagg	do	Second "	220.
Gosman & McComb		Intersections	187.70
T & G. Lovett	do	Broome St	140.
J. Halsey regulating		Walnut "	76. 9
Pat. Kane balce due on		Marketfield "	62.48
Jas Kelly		Intersections	16.

Dan^{l} Woolsey	3^{d} Instal^{t} pier Courtl^{dt} Street	826.41
D^{o}	Wharf at Old ferry Brooklyn	727.61
D^{o}	4th & last bulk head &c^{a} at do	672.50
D^{o}	3^{d} Instal: Pier Beekman Slip	464.58
Rich^{d} Furman	Sup: Alms House	2500.
		D^{rs} 10'264.47
	Balance in Treasury	6'027.32

[140] In Common Council November 27th 1811

Present The Hon^{e} DeWitt Clinton Mayor President

Aldermen	Assistants
	Samuel Jones Jun^{r}
Peter Mesier	Peter Hawes
Thomas Carpenter	August^{ne} H. Lawrence
Richard Cunningham	Elisha W. King
William Hoghland	John Morss
William Torrey	Isaac S. Douglass
Geo: Buckmaster	Michael M. Titus
Caleb Pell	William Welling
Nicholas Fish	William A Hardenbrook
	Abraham Van Gelder

The Minutes of the preceeding meeting were read & approved.

The Clerk of the Common Council laid before the Board a Report from the Clerk of the City and County by which it appeared that from the returns filed in his office the persons hereinafter named were at the late Election for Charter Officers elected to the offices set opposite to their respective names in the several Wards of this City

[141] Peter Mesier	Alderman	First Ward.
Samuel Jones Jun^{r}	Assistant	
Tunis Quick John V B Varick	Assessors	
Samuel Gale	Collector	
John Farrington Zephaniah Brown	Constables	
Thomas Carpenter	Alderman	Second Ward.
Peter Hawes	Assistant	
Joseph Riley John Clarke Jun^{r}	Assessors	
Gilliam Cornell	Collector	
Henry Marsh Asa Eastwood	Constables	

	Charles Dickinson	Alderman	Third Ward.
	Augustine H Lawrence	Assistant	
	Jonathan Little	Assessors	
	Daniel D. Smith		
	Francis V. Many	Collector	
	Joshua Green	Constables	
	John G. Smith		
[142]	Richard Cunningham	Alderman	Fourth Ward
	Elisha W. King	Assistant	
	Leonard Fisher	Assessors	
	Thomas Bloodgood		
	William McIntosh	Collector	
	Jacob Morrison	Constables	
	William French		
	John Morss	Alderman	Fifth Ward
	George Wilson	Assistant	
	Samuel Hutchings	Assessors	
	Benjn Hoghland		
	William Berrian	Collector	
	John Striker Junr	Constables	
	Charles E. Kelley		
	Isaac S Douglass	Alderman	Sixth Ward
	Josiah Hedden	Assistant	
	Lewis Angevine	Assessors	
	John McClure		
	John O'Neale	Collector	
	John White	Constables	
	John Benson		
[143]	George Buckmaster	Alderman	Seventh Ward
	Michael M. Titus	Assistant	
	David Bayard	Assessors	
	Samuel Ackerly		
	Morris Oakley	Collector	
	Jonathan Allen	Constables	
	John Taylor		
	Peter H. Wendover	Alderman	Eighth Ward
	William J. Waldron	Assistant	
	Isaac Emmons	Assessors	
	Jonathan Pinckney		
	Andrew Hegeman	Collector	
	Thomas Darling	Constables	
	Moses Cunningham		
	Nicholas Fish	Alderman	Ninth Ward
	William A Hardenbrook	Assistant	
	Peter Waldron	Assessors	
	Jacob Horne		
	William Brady	Collector	
	Reuben Ryder	Constables	
	Isaac Reed		

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John Pell	Alderman	Tenth Ward
John Drake	Assistant	
William Thurston	Assessors	
Thomas Cooper		
John Palmer	Collector	
William Pollock	Constables	
Henry G. Disbrow		

Whereupon Ordered that the Clerk of the Common Council give notice to the said persons so elected to attend at the Common Council Chamber in the New City Hall on Monday next at twelve OClock to take the oaths of Office prescribed by Law.

His Honor the Mayor laid before the Board a draft of a Letter addressed by him to the Governor of the State of New Jersey on the subject of Aliens landing in that State to evade the Municipal regulations of this State, which having been read was approved & directed to be forwarded and is in the Words following

New York Novr 22d 1811

Sir,

I am requested by the Common Council of this City to address your Excellency on a subject which they consider of importance.

By a Law of this State passed on the 8th April 1801 [145] entitled "an act for the settlement and relief of the Poor" the following provisions were adopted Viz

Sect. 30th And be it further enacted that every Master of any Ship or other vessel arriving from a foreign Country or from any other of the United States, who shall enter his vessel at the Custom House in the City of New York shall within twenty four hours after such entry make a report in writing on Oath to the Mayor or in case of sickness or absence to the Recorder of the said City of the name age & occupation of every person who shall have been bro't as a passenger on vessel on her last voyage upon pain of forfeiting for every neglect or omission to make such report the sum of Seventy five dollars for every alien and the sum of Fifty Dollars for every other person neglected to be so reported as aforesaid.

Sect. 31. And be it further enacted That it shall and may be lawful for the said Mayor or in case of his absence or sickness for the said Recorder to require every such Master of such ship or vessel to be bound with two sufficient sureties to the Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty of the said City in such sum as the said Mayor or Recorder may think proper not exceeding three hundred dollars for each Passenger to indemnify and save harmless the said Mayor

Aldermen & Commonalty and the overseers of the Poor of the said City and their Successors from all and every expense and charge which may or shall be incurred for the maintenance and support of any such person so imported in case such person shall at any [146] time within two years thereafter become chargeable to the said City; and if any person so brought as aforesaid and not being a Citizen of the United States, shall be permitted or suffered to land within the City from any such ship or vessel before such bond shall have been given and without a permission in writing from the said Mayor or Recorder the Master or Commander of such ship or vessel shall be subject to the penalty of Five hundred dollars for every person so suffered or permitted to land as aforesaid.

Sect. 32d And be it further enacted that if any person who may have been a Passenger in any such ship or vessel and not being a Citizen of the United States shall be suffered to land from such ship or vessel at any place within the distance of fifty miles from the said City with intent to proceed to said City otherwise than in the said ship or vessel the Master or Commander thereof shall be liable to the like same penalty of five hundred dollars of every such person so suffered or permitted to land"

Your Excellency will perceive that the object of this statute is to prevent the influx of Paupers from foreign Countries and to discourage the introduction of persons whose habits of indolence, whose state of health whose vicious propensities, or whose extreme poverty may render them a burthen instead of a benefit to the *com* [147] Community and that if within a probation of two years it shall be found that any emigrant becomes a pauper then the Master and owner of the vessel importing him are called upon to indemnify the Public from any expence to the amount of Three Hundred dollars. The Policy and justice of these provisions are too obvious to require comment or explanation and this City has derived great benefit from enforcing them.

But within a few years some of our Merchants more attentive to their private interest than to their duties as good Citizens have endeavored to evade this salutary statute by landing Passengers at Perth Amboy, and sending them to this City in Boats; wherever information could be obtained of these practices, prosecutions have been instituted and a compliance with the law has been enforced, but in most cases it has been impossible to discover the offenders; and the consequence has been that Paupers so introduced have been sent from this

City to Amboy being the place from which they last came, which has resulted either in imposing an injurious burthen upon that City or of producing a Controversy repugnant to the feelings of humanity and injurious to the interests of good neighborhood

It would not be consistent with the high respect which the Common Council entertain for your Excellency and the Legislature of New Jersey to presume to suggest an adequate remedy for these practices—permit us however [148] to observe that it is a subject of common concern and of mutual interest and that in addressing this letter to your Excellency we have equally in view the welfare of Perth Amboy and this City.

With the greatest respect
I am Y^r^ Excell^ys^ &^c^
DeWitt Clinton.

A Letter from the Hon^e^ Gouverneur Morris acknowledging the rec'pt of the Mayors communication to him of the thanks of the Board for his letter presented at their last meeting and expressing his satisfaction of the same, was read and Ordered to be filed

Petitions were received from Angus Sutherland William Woods Jacob Wright & Richard Hubbell for office of Wood Inspector were read & laid on the table.

A Petition of the Firemen of Twenty five of the Fire Engine Companies recommending Hays Pennell & John Colvill to be appointed Engineers of the Fire Department & a recommendation of sundry Inhabitants for John A Hardenbrook to be appointed one of the Engineers were read & Ordered to lie on the table.

A Petition of Catharine Canda for a Coffee Stand at Catharine Market was read and granted.

A Memorial was received from John R Murray and William Ogden stating that the title of the Estate which they [149] purchased from the Corporation at Inclenberg under a Warranty sale has been a long time contested by the Mess^s^ Kips, that they believe a favorable compromise might be now made of the whole of their claim & that they thought it their duty to make this representation to the Board—Whereupon Resolved that it be referred to the following Committee with full power to make such compromise as they shall judge, under all the circumstances to be for the interest of the Corporation—Committee to consist of Mess^rs^ Hawes King Lawrence

A Petition from Fire Engine Company N° 17 to be allowed payment for a Reel which they have procured for their Engine House was read and referred to the Chief Engineer & Superintendant of Repairs

A Petition of Samuel P Adriance for a Stand in Fly Market to vend Fruit &ca was read & referred to the Market Committee

A Petition of Abraham Stagg for payment of balance due for paving Rivington Street was read & referred to the St Commissioner

A Petition of sundry Inhabitants living in Broome Street between the Bowery and Broadway praying the establishment of an Engine in the vicinity was read & reffered to the Committee on the Fire Department

The following persons were appointed Fire Men the Chief Engineer certifying the Vacancies Viz

[150] Hook and Ladder Compy No 3.

Peter Simons Silversmith No 275 Pearl St 2d W. v. Christr Halsted resd

Floating Engine foot of Roosevelt Street

John Rice, Boarding Ho: No 60 Chatham Stt 4th W. v. Simeon Fawcett resd

Fire Engine Company No 1

Henry Powles Carptr 47 Spring St 8th W. v. Alexr Denniston resd
Richd Josline Plumber Cross & Mulby 6th W.
v Thomas A. Gillman "
John Hopper Cartman 181 Duane St 5th W. v. William Post "
Robt Nesbit Tallow Chandler 281 Greenh St 5 W.
v. Stephen Lozier "

No 2.

Jos: H. Truslow Carpenter 77 Mott Stt 6th W. Elias Runnels resd

No 3.

Mordecai Homan Mercht 97 Fair Strt 2d W. v Charles J. Field
John Meldenbergh Tallow Chandler 23 Nassau St 2d W. v. Thomas Lincoln dischd
John Miller Baker No 78 Chatham St 4th W. v. Thos Cahoone resd
James Thorpe Cartman 88 Fair Stt 2d W. v Nathan Foster "
Peter DeWit Grocer 76 Partition Street 3d W. v. Francis Burras "

No 12

John Wood Bookseller 357 Pear[l] St. 4th W. v. Jas Mackessy resd
Danl Dadds Cabinet maker 378 Pearl 4 W. v Benjn Castles "

N° 15

William Pulis Butcher Mott St^{t} 6 W. v Walter Whitehead

David Morgan Grocer Hester & 6th St. 10th W. v John Robinson dec^{d}

N° 21.

John K. Goodman Merch^{t} 1 Cliff St^{r} 2^{d} W. v. Jacob Drake res^{d}

John L Raborg Sail maker 67 Ann St^{t} v Walter Nexsen absent at sea

[151] A Petition from Jos: Waldron to be appointed Foreman to the first Watch District under Capt Lawrence was read & referred to the Watch Committee—who immediately reported, recommending the appointment of the Petitioner, which was agreed to.

The Petition of Isaac Moses & Sons complaining of the great inconvenience experienced by the Auction Sales being held on the foot walk immediately in front of their store near the Coffee House & praying relief, was read & referred to the following Committee who were also requested to report general regulations respecting Sales by Auction in the several parts of the City

Committee to consist of Ald^{n} Mesier Mess^{rs} Jones Hawes

A further Petition was received from Lewis Plet stating that he understood objections were made to the granting his former petition in consequence of the small quantity of water in the well & praying for permission to sink a new well, which was referred to the City Inspector & Superintendant of Repairs

A further Petition of Richard P Lawrence on the subject of compensation for his lots in Chatham Street, was read & referred to the Comptroller & Street Commissioner

The Street Commissioner presented a Report from the Assessors appointed on the Ordinance for opening Chamber Street assigning [152] their reasons for said Assessment which being read it was Resolved that the said Assessment be not confirmed

It was further Resolved that other Assessors be appointed under the Ordinance and the Rule being in this case dispensed with George Ireland, John E. West, Matthew Bolman John Nitchie & Abraham Russell were appointed.

The Street Commissioner presented a return of Delinquents on the Assessment for Georck Street whereupon a Warrant was ordered to issue to the Collector for collecting the same

The Street Commss^{r} presented the Assessment for regulating Grand St. from Goerck Street to the East River which was confirmed & Noah Jarvis appointed Collector.

The Committee on the Petition of Peter P. Van Zandt presented a report the consideration of which was postponed.

The Bellevue Committee presented the following report

" The Bellevue Committee avail themselves of this occasion of respectfully reporting to the Common Council, a brief Statement of their proceedings in relation to the new Alms House; its present situation, the expenditure of the monies appropriated thereto, the Stock of materials on hand & what may in their opinion be done to advantage during the Winter.

[153] It is with no small degree of satisfaction that the Committee have witnessed the rapid progress of the building, thus far composed of the best materials, & executed in the best manner, the foundation of the whole building is laid except a part of the East wing which being a bottom of rock and elevated above the level of the ground floor has occasioned some delay in reducing it to that level, and is now in considerable forwardness—the basement story of the residue of the building being about three fifths of the whole is raised ready for the beams & completely covered & secured against the effects of the weather. A considerable stock of materials is on hand as from the Report of the Superintendant herewith presented & to which the Committee beg leave to refer, will appear

The sum of \$45'791 $^{90}/_{100}$ appropriated by the Board to the New Alms House is credited in the Treasurers account which also accompanies this, & to which for more particular information the Committee beg leave to refer. From this document it appears that \$5'791 have been paid to Jacob Halsey on acc^{t} of the bulkhead & dock which sum being deducted from that appropriated by the Board reduces it to \$39'820.$^{91}/_{100}$ which last sum together with the balance due the Treasurer of D^{rs} 350.$^{81}/_{100}$ composes the agregate amount of expenditure on the New Alms House to the present day including materials on hand to the amount of about 10'000 Dollars.

The Masons and laborers being all discharged for the winter there will be no further appropriation necessary on account of them until spring; but the Stone Cutters, Carpenters & Blacksmiths & [154] *&* those having the charge of superintendance of them, will be to be provided for. The Committee therefore recommend that the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars be now appropriated to the New Alms-House and paid to the Treasurer of that building in such amounts as may from time to time be required by the Committee who may be charged with that subject.

The Committee cannot close this Report without expressing their confident hope that a considerable part of the New Alms-House will be under roof early in the month of July next, & that the whole building will be completely so, in the month of November.

All which is respectfully submitted

Nicholas Fish
A. H. Lawrence
Nov^r^ 27^th^ 1811. Peter Hawes
E. W. King
John Morss"

Which report was agreed to.

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Joseph Coles Jun^r^ praying that the sum of twenty four dollars three cents which had been deducted from his account of Carpenters work done at the Bridge over Harlem dam be allowed him Reported "That they find the charge of one shilling a day on the wages of the Journeymen Carpenters employed by him, is regular & usual & the charge having [155] been disallowed amounting to Twenty four dollars & $^3/_{100}$ they recommend that the same be now allowed him

Nicholas Fish
Nov^r^ 27. 1811 W^m^ A. Hardenbrook
A H. Lawrence"

Which was agreed to.

The Committee on the Petition of Albert Ogden & C^o^ Reported

"That they in their several meetings have entered into a full investigation of this subject, and that from the examination of the Witnesses it appears evident that the principal facts set forth in the said Memorial are correct, so far as to establish a full conviction on the minds of your Committee that there was no intention on part of Mess^rs^ Ogden & C^o^ to evade the Law or to do any thing improper in the shipment of said Flour. Your Committee therefore recommend that the Board relinquish that part of the Flour which by Law they are entitled to. At the same time your Committee think proper to say that in the whole of the transaction the conduct of the Inspector M^r^ Jones was correct in every respect & that Mess^s^ Ogden & C^o^ themselves are satisfied that they were mistaken in supposing that M^r^

Jones did any thing more than was the duty of a good & faithful officer

All which is respectfully submitted

A H Lawrence }
Thos Carpenter } C[o]mmittee
G. Buckmaster }

Which was agreed to.

[156] The Committee of Applications reported verbally that there were so many applications for the appointment of Wood Inspector to supply the vacancy occasioned by the death of David Waldron, that they did not deem it expedient to recommend any particular person, but left it to the Common Council to make the selection—the names of the several applicants were then read & the Common Council proceeded to ballot for the person to fill the vacancy when Jacob Shurt was appointed.

The Common Council also preceeded to the appointment of two Engineers of the Fire Department when Hays Pennell & John Colville were duly appointed

Mr Morss presented the following Resolution which was agreed to —Resolved that it be the duty of the Captains of the City Watch to report to the Chief Engineer on the first Monday in every month the names, occupations & place of residence of the Watchmen belonging to their respective companies.

The following resolution was presented by Mr Hawes & agreed to Resolved that the Street Commissioner be directed to cause the Streets or squares in front of all buildings which are so far advanced, as to be under cover, to be forthwith cleared of all lime houses, Stones, brick, timber & other materials & that the pavements of said Streets or squares [157] be repaired at the expense of the proprietors of such buildings; & that he enforce this resolution by such measures as are provided by the laws & Ordinances of the Corporation.

The Comptroller presented a Deed from the Corporation to Benjamin Mott for lots No 3 & 4 in the Second ward near Peck Slip which having been examined by Mr Hawes as Council were ordered to be executed

It having been represented to the Board that a set of Tapestry had been lately imported into this City which would be highly ornamental in furnishing some of the apartments in the New City Hall it was Resolved that power be given to the Committee heretofore appointed to furnish the Common Council Chamber to purchase the said set of Tapestry for account of this Board if in their opinion suitable.

On motion of Alderman Torrey Resolved that the Salary of the Superintendant of Repairs be in future Nine hundred Dollars per annum payble quaterly.

On like motion Ordered that the Keeper of Potters field be directed to top the Trees growing around that inclosure.

Resolved that the Aldermen of the 2d & 4 Wards be authorized to cart into Peck Slip a quantity of earth or gravel not exceeding five hundred loads.

[158] Resolved that the following be a Committee to prepare a Petition to be presented to the Legislature praying that an amendment may be made to the Law respecting the appointment of Commissioners for laying out Streets & Roads &c explanatory of the power of the Commissioners appointed under said Act with respect to the estimate of the damages for ground taken under the said Act & also to require that the Estimate of said Commissioners be made under oath

Committee Messs Jones Hawes King

The Comptroller Reported

Cash in the Treasury	18'220.85
Warrants not presented	3508.96
	Drs 14'711.89

His Honor the Mayor was thereupon requested to issue his Warrants to pay the following

No 267	Lawrence & Van Wart, Watch	592.90
	Farrington & White do	592.90
	Goodheart & Hays do	779.80
	Wards	
[159]	W. Fish to pay Inspectors of Election 3. 4. 5. 7. 8. 9. 10th	126.
	Do Clerks of Election 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 9. 10	54.
	Joseph Burjeau 1st Marsh: to pay Marshals do	76.
	Marsh & Eastwood 25 Sundays 2d Ward	75.
	Stevenson & Osborn 22 do 10th	66.
	Daniel Nash 27 do 4	40.50
	Wm Peters 15 do 4	22.50
	John Striker Junr 13 do 5	19.50
	B. Skaats & asst 1 Qr Saly to 24th & Expences	135.50
	Saml F. Randolph room for Grand Jury S. V & N	48.
	Richd Buchan furnishing list of passengers 6 Mos	25.
	Morning Post 1 Qr Subsn to 10th instt	18.75

Richd Crosby for bearing his Exps to get Patent F.E.		100.
Henry Brush repg Pumps 7 & 10th Wards		70. 6
Caleb Felch Well corner of Hester & Essex Sts		29.
Thos & Geo: Lovett on Stanton Strt		1000.
Abm Stagg Acct Curb & Gutter St. Laight St	370	
Do do Cherry Stt	100	
		470.
Archd Smyth balce due on Pump St		216.37
D. B. Ogden & others on Asst Coenties Slip		75.
Jacob P. Roome Supt Repairs to pay Workmen		500.
John H. Sickles Trr New City Hall		3000.
	Drs	8132.78

[160] In Common Council December 2d 1811.

Present The Hone De Witt Clinton Mayor President
Pierre C. Van Wyck Esqr Recorder

Aldermen	Assistants
	Samuel Jones Junr
Peter Mesier	Peter Hawes
Thomas Carpenter	Augustine H Lawrence
Richard Cunningham	Elisha W. King
William Hoghland	John Morss
William Torrey	Isaac S. Douglass
Caleb Pell	Michael M. Titus
Nicholas Fish	William Welling
John Pell	William A. Hardenbrook
	Abrm Van Gelder.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read & approved.

A Memorial was rec'd from Robert R Livingston in behalf of himself and Robert Fulton Proprietors of the North River Steam Boats stating that during the winter season they wished to make some alterations & improvements in their Boats which would render them more convenient to the Public that for that purpose they required some situation within the Harbor where the same might lie secure from fire & from the concussion of other vessels—that the unfinished basin [161] north of the Battery erected at the foot of Hubert Street would be suitable for that purpose & they prayed the Corporation to grant it them on such terms & for such period as they should judge expedient Ordered, that the same be referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips & to the Aldermn & Assissts of 5th & 8th Wards & the Comptroller with authority to grant the same upon such terms as they should judge adviseable.

A Petition was read from the Inhabitants of the 1st Ward for a pump in New Street near Beaver Street & referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the Ward & Superintdt Repairs with authority to grant the same under the usual restrictions

A Letter from John Pintard Secretary of the Historical Society was read stating that the Society intended celebrating the anniversary of St Nicholas on the 6th instt on which occasion a Discourse would be delivered by the Hone DeWitt Clinton one of their Vice Presidents, & they wished to be accommodated with one of the Court rooms in the Old City Hall & also invited the attendance of the Board, Whereupon resolved that the use of one of the Court rooms be granted to the Society & Resolved further that the Common Council will attend agreably to the invitation.

A Petition of Artemas B. Brookins wood Inspector stating that he was unfortunately in prison for debt but that he expected immediately to procure bail & praying that [162] he might not be removed from office as he would be immediately enabled to attend to its duties was read & referred to the Committee on Applications.

The following persons was chosen Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies

Fire Engine Company No 17.

Edward Riker, Carpenter Norfolk Stt 7th Wd v. Danl Berrian resd

No 19.

Fredk Pessinger Butcher 31 Bowery lane 10th Wd v. M. Jordan expd (neglect)

No 30.

James Gray Ropemaker Orchard Stt 10th W. v. Henry Gildersleeve resd

No 33

Richard Appleby Mason Lewis Stt 10th W. v: Israel Sammis resd

The Chief Engineer & Superintendt of Repairs on the Petition of Fire Engine Company No 17 reported that they had examined the Reel mentioned in the petition and they were satisfied the cost was as low as it could be made for & they recommended that a Warrant issue for \$25.43/100 in favor of John Higbie Clerk of said Company which was agreed to.

The Street Commissioner on the Petition of Abraham Stagg reported " That \$161 27/100 remains due to Abrm Stagg on his contract for paving Rivington Street which in his opinion ought to be paid. And as 221 Dollars *uncol* [163] uncollected are charged on vacant lots in the name of A. Stockholm owner and as he refuses to pay until the lots are advertised, the St Commissioner begs leave to recommend that the Board order the said lots to be advertised and sold for the payment of said Assessment, and such other lots as the Street Comssr may deem adviseable for closing Assessments—Which is respectfully submitted

Saml Stilwell St Comsr

which was agreed to & the Comptroller directed to report a Warrant agreably thereto & the St Comssr was also directed to advertize the Lots agreably to the Report.

The Report of the Committee on the Petition of Peter P. Van Zandt was called up & after some further consideration was postponed & the Comptroller was directed to lay before the Board such information on the subject as he possessed

The Comptroller reported Cash in Treasy	$10026. 0
Warrants not presented	2421.87
	$7604.13

Whereupon His Honor the Mayor was requested to issue his Warrants to pay the following sums Viz

J. Delamontagne Special Justice 1 Qr Saly	250.
James Warner do "	250.
G. Gilbert do "	250.
B. O Blenis Clerk "	250.
R. Stevens Asst do "	125.
[164] Mott Hicks Asst St Comssr 1 Mo Saly	52.
A. B. Holmes, do do	52.
Wm P. Roome Keeper of Potters field do	30.
Saml Walker posting bills to 29 Novr	18.75
Josh Coles Junr a/c bridge at Harlem dam	24. 3
David Stilwell repg Pumps 4 & 6th Wards	115.75
Jas Richardson cleaning Wells 7th Ward	22.50
Walter Allen repg docks at Peck & Burling Slips	163.80
Thos & Geo Lovett Acct Stanton Street	800.
John Bailey a/c paving Grand Street	180.
Archd Smyth balce on First Street	72.
Richd Furman Treasr New Alms House	2500.
	$5156.35

This being the day prescribed by Law for the newly elected Charter Officers to be sworn into office they accordingly attended (for list see last minutes. p. 141. 2. 3. 4) & in the presence of the Common Council took & subscribed the Oaths prescribed by the Charter & Laws.

After the several Persons who had been chosen at the late Charter Election had taken the oaths of Office, the newly elected Members took their Seats and the Board was formed as follows

[165] The Hon^{l} DeWitt Clinton, Mayor, President
Pierre C. Van Wyck Esq^{r} Recorder

Peter Mesier	Aldermen	Samuel Jones Junior	Assistants
Thomas Carpenter		Peter Hawes	
Charles Dickinson		Augustine H Lawrence	
Richard Cunningham		Elisha W. King	
John Morss		George Wilson	
Isaac S. Douglass		Josiah Hedden	
George Buckmaster		Michael M. Titus	
Peter H Wendover		William J. Waldron	
Nicholas Fish		William A Hardenbrook	
John Pell		John Drake	

The Board proceeded to the appointment of Chamberlain or Treasurer for the ensuing year when Whitehead Fish was unanimously elected to that office—Garrit Gilbert was accepted as one of the Sureties for the faithful performance of the duties of the Office of Chamberlain & it was Resolved that the other surety to be given by the Chamberlain be approved by His Honor the Mayor.

Petitions were received from Jacob Eckerson & Morris Ackerman for appointments to the Office of Wood Inspectors which were referred to the Committee on Applications.

[166] A Petition of Levi Coit & Sam^{l} A Lawrence was read requesting a Grant may issue to them agreably to an Order of the Common Council of the 10th June 1793 as follows they being now the Proprietors of the property

" On reading a Petition of Bernardus Swartwout & Son, Ordered " that they be permitted to extend their present wharf or Pier so far " into the River as to range with the Basin intended to be made at " the front of Thames & Little Queen Street without any additional " quit rent."

Whereupon Resolved that it be referred to Mes^{s} Hawes King Wilson & The Comptroller.

His Honor the Mayor appointed the following
Standing Committees
which were approved.

1st On Applications.
Aldn Dickinson
" Wendover
" Cunningham
2d Assessments
Messs Hawes
" Titus
" Hedden
" Lawrence
Aldn Wendover
[167] Charity
Messrs Titus
" Drake
Aldn Mesier
" Cunningham
" Carpenter
Defence
Aldn Fish
" Morss
" Mesier
" Carpenter
Messrs Jones
" Hawes
" Drake
Ferry
Mr King
Aldn Carpenter
" Buckmaster
Finance.
Messrs Lawrence
Wilson
Aldn Douglass
Messs Jones
Drake
Fire Department.
Messrs Hawes
Hardenbrook
Aldn Douglass.

Bellvue.
Aldn Fish
Messs Hawes
" King
" Lawrence
Aldn Morss
Mr Hardenbrook
Lamps
Aldn Cunningham
" Carpenter
Mr Wilson
Laws & Ordinances.
Messrs Jones
" Hawes
" King
" Wilson
" Hedden
Markets
Aldn Mesier
" Pell
Messs Hedden
" Titus
" Lawrence
Repairs
Aldn Wendover
" Morss
" Dickinson
" Cunningham
Mr Titus
Roads
Aldn Fish
" Pell
" Mesier
Messs Hardenbrook
" Lawrence

Building
Aldn Morss
" Fish
" Douglass
Messrs Waldron
" Lawrence

Canal
Aldn Wendover
Mr Hardenbrook
" Wilson
" Hedden
" Jones
Streets
Mr King
Aldn Cunningham
" Buckmaster
Surveys
Aldn Mesier
" Fish
Messrs Jones
" Hardenbrook
" Waldron
Watch
Aldn Douglass
Buckmaster
Mr King
Wharves Piers & Slips
Aldn Carpenter
Buckmaster
Mr Jones.

[168] On Motion Resolved that his honor the Mayor be and he is hereby appointed Proxy for the Common Council upon the Shares held by them in the Manhattan Company for the purpose of voting at the ensuing Election for President & Directors of said Company

Alderman Wendover was appointed on the Committee upon the Petition of Colonel Varick in the place of Alderm^{n} Hoghland formerly on that Committee.

[169] In Common Council December 9th 1811

Present The Hon^{l} DeWitt Clinton Mayor President
Pierre C. Van Wyck Esq^{r} Recorder

Peter Mesier
Thomas Carpenter
Charles Dickinson
Richard Cunningham
John Morss
George Buckmaster
Peter H. Wendover
John Pell
Aldermen

Samuel Jones Jun^{r}
Peter Hawes
Aug^{e} H. Lawrence
Elisha W. King
George Wilson
Josiah Hedden
Michael M. Titus
William J. Waldron
William A. Hardenbrook
John Drake
Assistants

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A Presentation of the Grand Jury of the City of New York of the 9th instant presenting as a Nuisance the general conduct of the persons having charge of the Coaches on the Coach stand opposite Trinity Church and recommending to the Corporation the regulation of them by law Ordered to be referred to the Committee heretofore appointed on the subject of Hackney Carriages.

A Letter from Joshua Jones stating that [170] *that* having purchased part of the Water right lately belonging to the Heirs of Samuel Ellis at the foot of Vesey Street and being anxious to improve the same he was desirous of being informed of the line of West street Ordered to be referred to the Committee on Wha[r]ves & the Street Commissioner

A Petition of Archibald Ball for permission to erect a Lime house in Broadway was referred to the Street Commissioner & City Inspector.

A Letter from Peter P. Van Zandt requesting to be heard by Council upon his claim & a report from the Comptroller on the subject of said claim were severally read & laid for further consideration

Petitions from Daniel Baldwin Theophilus Marsellis & Matthias Nack for an appointment to some office were severally read & referred to the Com^{e} on Applications

A complaint was laid before the Board that M^{r} Mullinor has erected a fence across the Harlem road to the great inconvenience of the inhabitants, which was referred to the Road Committee

A Petition of Ann Culbert praying indulgence for [171] one year for payment of an Assessment on a Lot owned by her in Mulberry Street was read & referred to the Com^{e} on Assessments

A Certificate from the Justices of the Police office of the extra services of certain Marshalls in the detection & apprehension of felons was read & referred to Mess^{rs} King Lawrence Waldron

A Petition of Gilbert B. Mott & others to be attached to a new Fire Company to be established for a new Engine to be stationed on the North River was read & referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

A Petition of Peter Dob to be employed in the repairing of Wharves was read & referred to the Com^{e} of Repairs

A Petition of Miles Greenwood for Tavern License gratis was read Whereupon resolved that Petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition

A Complaint of William Harts stating that he had complained to the Attorney of the Board of one William Jacobs for an offence against the Sunday Law which had not been attended to—was referred to the Attorney of the Board.

[172] A Petition of Thomas M^{c}Conaghy for payment of ground taken for Canal Street was referred to the Canal Committee

A Petition from Uriah R Scribner & Daniel Wurts was read stating, that they were Lessees under the Corporation of Store N^{o} 233 front street, that being obliged by their contract to cut off a part of the Store in front, there was not sufficient room in the Store for transacting their business, that the ground not being solid enough to allow of the erection of a brick building, they had determined to erect on the rear of the lot the part of the store so cut off, but supposing there would be no more infringement of the Law by erecting a new building of the same dimensions as by putting up the old one, they erected an addition at the rear of the House which was to be covered with Tin & for which they contracted with Samuel Nicolls—that owing to the difficulty of procuring tin some considerable delay took place in covering the house & a complaint was made against them for an infringement of the Building Law—And they prayed the relief of the Corporation,

Ordered that the same be referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 2^{d} Ward & the Attorney of the Board.

The following persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies

Fire Engine Company Nº 8.

Nichs Williams Carpenter 8 Augustus Stt 6 W. v. C. Langdon resigned

[173] Fire Engine Company Nº 23.

Saml Gunton Carpenter Nº 16 Elm Stt 6 W. v. Isaac Stagg resigd
Joseph Spencer Glass Ornamenter 25 Elm St. v. Isaac Badgely "

Nº 32.

Isaac Benscowter. ropemaker Orchard St 10th W. v Hays Pennell resd

A Petition of Theodorus Bailey & E. Anderson praying payment for ground taken for opening Chamber Street was read & referred to the Street Commissioner.

A Memorial was received from Gurdon S. Mumford and others stating that agreably to the Ordinances of the Corporation they had filled in their respective lots between Pitt & Willett Sts but that the owners of the adjoining lots had not complied with the Ordinances of the Board & praying that they may be required to fill up the same without delay—Ordered to be referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the 10th Ward & Street Commissioner.

A Petition of Daniel E Tylee complaining of an assessment for paving Vesey Street opposite Hudson Market was read and referred to the Market Committee & Street Commissioner.

A Petition of Henry Marsh for Stall Nº 45 Fly Market was read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of certain Proprietors in Pearl (late Magazine) Street [174] complaining of the Assessment for repaving the same was read & referred to Messrs Jones Hawes Aldn Wendover Stt Commissioner

Petitions from Isaac Bogert to be appointed Captain & from Jacob Morison to be appointed Foreman of the City Watch were referred to the Watch Committee.

A Petition from Fire Engine Company Nº 10 for an addition of five men to their Company was read & referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

The City Inspector presented an Ordinance Nº   for correction of a Nuisance in Anthony Street which was passed.

The Street Commissioner having represented that Abraham Russell, Matthew Bolmer, George Ireland & John E. West declined serving as Assessors in the Ordinance for opening Chamber Street Leonard Fisher Lewis Hartman, Nehemiah Allen & Stephen Bourdett were appointed in their stead.

The Street Commissioner presented the Assessment for regulating & paving Washington Street from Murray to [175] *to* Warren Street which was confirmed and Isaac Ball was appointed Collector.

The Street Commissioner presented the Assessment for opening Elm Street at Hester Street without objections it having been advertized according to Law which was confirmed On motion that Isaac Ball be appointed Collector a Division having been called by M^r^ Jones it passed in the Negative

Negative Ald^n^ Carpenter, Cunningham Morss, Buckmaster, Wendover, Pell Mess^s^ Hawes, King, Wilson, Titus, Waldron, Drake. 12

Affirmative M^r^ Recorder Ald^n^ Mesier, Dickinson M^r^ Jones, Lawrence, Hedden, Hardenbrook. 7.

Noah Jarvis was then appointed Collector

The Attorney of the Board to whom was referred the Petition of Samuel Winship presented a Report which was read, and ordered to be filed, and it having been represented to the Board that the Judgement against Winship had been obtained by Default, The Attorney was instructed to consent to waive the said judgement in order to let the Defendant in, to try the cause upon its merits—And the Attorney was further instructed to obtain from the informer who was prosecuting in the name of the corporation security to indemnify the Corporation against all costs which may accrue in the course of said suit.

A Communication was received from the Chief Engineer requesting [176] *requesting* information as to his duty when Fire Engines or their apparatus need repairs which was Ordered to be referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

Resolved that the accounts for furnishing Oil and for lighting the City Lamps be in future audited by the Comptroller in the same manner as the other accounts against the Board.

Ordered that the Clerk of the Common Council furnish to the newly elected Members a Map of the City and a Copy of the Charter & of the Bye Laws & Ordinances of this Corporation

Ordered that the subject of furnishing Oil for the Fire Engine Companies be referred to the Lamp Committee.

A Member having stated that he had some private business to communicate, the Doors were closed.

Resolved that a Committee be appointed to consider of the propriety of purchasing the House of M^r^ Charles Gardner corner of Nassau and Wall S^t^ Committee appointed were M^r^ Hawes M^r^ Lawrence M^r^ Jones.

[177] The Comptroller reported Cash in the Treasury	8605.80
Warrants not presented	2286.40
	$6319.40

Whereupon his Honor the Mayor was requested to issue his Warrants for the payment of the following Sums.

Lawrence & Van Wart	592.90
Farrington & White	592.90
Goodheart & Hays	779.80
DeWitt Clinton Esqr 1 Qr Salary to 12th Novr	1750.
R. Graves Asst Street Comssr 1 Mo to 1 Decr	65.
James Hardie Asst City Inspector Do	62.50
Andw Otterson do do Do	52.
J. P. Roome Supdt Repairs Salary Do	132.
Peter Aymar Collector 1 Qr to 6th Do	159.
Jno A. Crolius Inspector of Brd do 8th Do	89.
John Vanderbilt Junr Inspectors Election 2d Ward	18.
Wm Wright & other do 6th "	18.
Benjn C. Curtis Clerk do 8th "	6.
Thos Freeborn 13 Sundays 6th Ward	19.50
John Fine repairing Pumps 5th "	99.62
Stephen Ludlum Sundry Surveys to 14th Novr 1811	402.78
Amos Corning, Surveying, Asst lists &c to 4 Septr	335.19
John M. Cooper Survey &c Goerck Stt	12.50
A. Stagg bal: Cherry St & Curb &c a/c Laight Stt	297.52
[178] Abrm Stagg a/c paving Second Street	250.
Do paving Rivington Stt ordered 2d Inst	161.27
Saml Delamater & other Assessors on Sundry Streets	118.50
John Nitchie & other Assessors on Marketfield Stt	70.
John Bailey a/c paving Grand Street	100.
William Kay repairing Intersections &c	96.50
John Higbie Clerk F. Engine Co 17 for a Reel	25.43
Total........Drs	6305.91
Balance Dolls	13.49

*[179] In Common Council December 16th 1811

Present. Pierre C. Van Wyck Esq^r Recorder President

Peter Mesier
Thomas Carpenter
Charles Dickinson
Richard Cunningham
John Morss
Isaac S Douglass
Peter H. Wendover
Nicholas Fish
John Pell
Aldermen

Peter Hawes
Augustine H Lawrence
Elisha W. King
George Wilson
Josiah Hedden
Michael M. Titus
William J Waldron
William A Hardenbrook
John Drake
Assistants

The Minutes of the last meeting were read & approved.

An Anonymous communication having been sent to the Clerk of the Common Council directed to the Board, It was Resolved that anonymous communications are improperly addressed and that this Board will not in future receive any such communications.

Petitions were received from Isaac Anderson Isaac Van Dyck Samuel L Page Adolph Brower & recommendations from certain watchmen in behalf of Sam^l L. Page which were referred to the Watch Committee.

[180] A Petition was received from Aaron J Westervelt for remission of penalty incurred under an Ordinance directing the emptying a privy, was read & ref^d to the Attorney of the Board.

A Petition of Christian Small to have charge of the Flag Staff at the Battery was referred to the Committee on the Battery.

A Letter of thanks from D^r Isaac Ball for the application of Collector of an assessment conferred on him at the last meeting was read

A Petition of the Captain of the Watch of the 1st District for Watch Caps for the men was read & referred to the Watch Committee.

A Petition of Benjamin Brewster for permission to have a Butchers Stall at Greenwich, was referred to the Market Committee.

A further Petition of John D. DeLacy on the subject of supplying Timber to the Corporation was referred to M^r King Ald^n Carpenter M^r Hardenbrook

A Petition of John Edwards for the appointment of a Sealer of Weights and measures was referred to the Market Committee.

[181] A Petition of the Inhabitants residing near Coenties Slip, complaining that vessels laden with Dry fish lie for several days at

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* Page not numbered in the manuscript.—ED.

said pier & retail their fish to the exclusion of market boats, & praying that they may not be permitted to lie in said Slip, was read & referred to the Committee on wharves &c with request that they would report an Ordinance regulating the time which Vessels are to be permitted to lie in the public Slips

A Petition of J. B. Cox praying further time for the payment of Assessment on Amity Street due by M^rs^ R. Cox was read & referred to the Committee on Assessments with authority to grant the further time of Sixty days on security being given

A Petition from Abraham Stagg praying payment for Curb and Gutter Stone at Laight Street was ref^d^ to Street Comss^r^

A Petition of William Stratton to be employed as a Well digger was read & referred to the Superintendant of Repairs.

The following persons were appointed Fireman the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies Viz

Fire Engine Company N° 25.

Rich^d^ Palmer Dry Good Store Chatham Street N° 108 6th W.
v. States Williams res^d^

Reuben Knapp Rigger Corner of Wash[in]gton & Liberty S^t^
3^d^ W. v. W^m^ Waring "

Tho^s^ M^c^Guire Shoemaker Greenwich S^t^ N° 208 3^d^ W. v E. W. Walmsley j^d^ No 18.

John Butler Hatter Chesnut S^t^ N° 1 4th W. vice John L Franklin, absent

James Bartow Auctioneer Chatham St^t^ 130 v. Secus Hatch res^d^

[182] A Petition of Fire Engine Company N° 4 for an additional length of Leader was read & referred to Comm^e^ on Fire Departm^t^

A Petition of the Butchers of the Fly Market praying certain accommodations in said market was referred to Market Committee.

A Petition of James Gill for Tavern Licence gratis to a person to whom he had sold his Grocery Store was read & Resolved That Petitioner have leave to withdraw his Petition

The Committee on the Petition of Levi Coit & Sam^l^ A Lawrence presented the following report

" That Bernardus Swartwout & Son were permitted by the aforesaid order (of 10th June 1793) to " extend their present wharf or Pier so far into the river as to range with the Basin intended to be made at the front of Thames & Little Queen streets without any additional Quit Rent."

This Quit rent was recognized in a Grant made to Nicholas Roosevelt on the 7th March 1765 at about 2d¾ per foot, extending from the rear of his lot to low water mark & from thence 200 feet into the river, which brought it to Washington Street as at present established. Carlisle Pollock obtained a Grant dated the 4th February 1799 for the Water lot between Rector Street & Carlisle Street bounded easterly by Washington Street and extending to West Street the permanent line; paying from the 25 March 1797 for the first fifteen years at the [183] rate of 9d per foot for the second fifteen years at 1/6 and forever after at 2/3.

After maturely examining the business the Committee are of opinion that a Grant should issue to Messs Coit and Lawrence for 116 feet in breadth comprising the Block between the Albany Basin on the North & Carlisle street on the South from Washington Street to the permanent Line; with the usual covenants and conditions as to Streets and Piers; on the same terms as granted to Mr Pollock the first payment at 9d Per foot to be considered as payable from the 10th June 1793 the date of the order of the Board with interest on the several payments as they respectively become due.

Peter Hawes
Decr 16th 1811 E. W. King
Geo: Wilson
G. N. Bleecker Comptr"

which was agreed to & a Grant directed to be made out accordingly.

The Committee of Charity on the Petition of Phœbe Wright reported " that they have had the same into consideration & find that the Petitioner is a poor woman with a large family in consequence of which we think it proper to allow her a donation of Fifty Dollars to be paid her at the time she pays in full the arrearage of rent due this Corporation—Which is respectfully submitted "

Michael M. Titus, Thos Carpenter, John Drake, R. Cunningham Peter Mesier, Committee." which was agreed to.

[184] The Building Committee presented the following Report which was read & directed to be entered on ye Minutes

" The Building Committee of the New City Hall having meet for closing their Yearly account Report that they have examined their Treasurers Book & Vouchers & find them correct. It appears that he has received Warrants to the amount of Seventy Seven Thousand six hundred & Fifty four Dollars Eighty seven & a half cents & that the bills for the New Hall are Eighty three Thousand nine Hundred

& Eighty three Dollars & twenty six cents leaving a balance of Six Thousand Three Hundred & twenty eight Dollars thirty eight & a half Cents. The Treasurers account is herewith transmitted

Charles Dickinson
Decr 11. 1811. John Morss
Isaac S Douglass
Augus. H Lawrence

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Dr Corporation of the City of New York in ℀ with Building Comee New City Hall Cr

1810	To paid for				By Amt rec'd from the			
Novr 25th	Timber	950	3	11	Treasurer fr. 25th Novr			
to	Iron	984	11	7	1810 to 25th Novr 1811			
1811	Ironmongery	870	1	9	in Cash at difft times	26920		
Novr 25th	Lead	1753	0	8	By Amt pd by Treasr for			
	Lime	642	11	9	Copper being part of			
	Copper	5539	2		Copper charged on debit			
	Boards Plank	1306	13	8	side of this ℀	4139	19	
	Hair	3	7	6	By an Error discovered			
	Brick	168	19		in last years ℀ on			
	Marble	94			examinatn	2		
	Sand	89	2					
	Contingencies	2656	8	1				
	Stone	432	10	5				
	Carpenters	5572	10	9				
	Cartage	85	19	6				
	Stone Cutters	5322	10					
	Stone Carvers	1573						
	Labor	1366	4					
	Masons	1854	16	3				
		31265	12	10				
	Balance due on last year	2327	13	3	Balance due Nov. 25, 1811	2531	7	1
		33593	6	1		33593	6	1
1811 25th Novr					Errors Excepted			
	To Balance due Come	2531	7	1	New York Novr 25th, 1811 John H. Sickels Treasr			

[186] The Street Commissioner presented a return of Delinquents upon Assessments for opening Washington Street Whereupon a Warrant was ordered to issue to the Collector to collect ye same.

The Comptroller & Street Commissioner to whom was referred the request of Peter Schermerhorn on the 18th Novr last, for payment of one half the expense for raising the Pier adjoining Burling Slip owned by George Codwise Junr himself and the Corporation Reported

That the amount of repairs of a Pier on the West side of Burling

Slip done in May last by Walter Allen was paid on the 2d inst & only one third thereof charged to the Corporation.

The proprietors of the pier in question claim the wharfage not only on one side but also the whole of the end of the Pier; consequently in the opinion of the Subscribers, they ought to bear Two thirds of the expence of repairs

As the Corporation have already passed a Warrant to Justus Dearman on the 11th Novr last for their proportion of One Third it is thought that any further advance would be improper

Respectfully submitted

Decr 16th 1811
G. N. Bleecker Comptr
Saml Stilwell Street Comssr

Which was agreed to

The Street Commissioner & Comptroller on the Petition of Richard P. Lawrence referred to them the 27 Novr last Reported as follows

[187] " It appears from the Certificate of the arbitrators appointed to determine the sum to be paid to the said Richard P. Lawrence by the Corporation, upon his surrendering up his Lease of Three lots of Ground on Chatham & Duane Street a part of which said lots has been lately converted into a public Street called Chambers Street—That the Sum awarded to be paid him, was understood & intended by them to be paid in addition to the sum allowed by the Verdict of the Jury impannelled to assess the damages to the Owners of property lying on the part of Chambers Street opened by order of the Corporation: And that the said Arbitrators also understood (and made their said award under that impression) that the sums assessed upon the residue of the said Lots for the opening of Chambers Street were to be paid by the Corporation and not by Richard P. Lawrence. From this exposition the Corporation will have to pay Mr Lawrence for the Verdict

and award		$3200.	
Deduct rent due 1 May 1811......................	500.		
Do 1 June "	33.33	533.33	
Drs			2666.67

Respectfully Submitted

Decr 16th 1811
G. N. Bleecker Comptr
Saml Stilwell St Comssr

Which was agreed to.

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Messrs Scribner & Wurts Reported, " That they believe the facts set forth in the

Petition are true, & that the Petitioners had no intention of violating [188] the Law, and therefore are of the opinion that the Penalties ought to be remitted—Your Committee would however observe that as this may have the appearance of a precedent in cases that may arise hereafter which might prove prejudicial to the City at large they therefore wish to express their entire disapprobation of any idea of this kind, believing this to be an exempt case—All which is respectfully submitted.

Thomas Carpenter
Peter Hawes
Isaac A. Van Hook

which was agreed to.

The Committee to whom the Petition of R R Livingston & Rob^{t} Fulton was referred Reported

That they have assigned the South side of the New Basin at the foot of Canal Street for the Steam Boats this Winter—under the express condition that they pay the demands of the Lessee of the Public Slips & Piers—Your Committee have further stipulated with Mess^{s} Livingston & Fulton, that the North Pier which is the only one used by Wood Boats shall not be incumbered with the Steam Boats

All which is respectfully submitted

Thomas Carpenter
John Morss
W^{m} J Waldron
P. H. Wendover
Geo: Wilson

[189] The Attorney of the Board made a communication on subject of the debt due to the Corporation by Samuel L. Page which was directed to be referred to the Comm^{e} of Finance and the Comptroller.

The Attorney of the Board made a Report on the complaint of William Hart which was read & approved & ordered to be filed

The Chamberlain & Attorney of the Board to whom was referred the Petition of John Hubbard praying for the payment of sum due his wife late Sarah Schureman for nursing Rebecca Jenkins during her illness Reported That the late Chamberlain, administered upon the Estate of said Rebecca Jenkins, & that there appears a balance paid into the Treasury on account of the said Estate on the 28th January 1804 the sum of One hundred dollars & seventy cents and no demand has been presented against the said estate except the present.

that the present demand is barred by the statute of limitation but inasmuch as it appears to be an equitable one the services having been rendered by the said Sarah Hubbard are of opinion that if the said John Hubbard were to give a bond with approved surety for the return of the same provided any other demand having superior claim should be presented hereafter, that a Warrant issue in favor of the said John Hubbard for the Sum of Fifty six Dollars being the *am*ᵗ [190] amount claimed by him

Decʳ 16, 1811

W. Fish
Isaac A Van Hook

Which was agreed to

Resolved that it be committed to the Market Committee to report an Ordinance regulating the sale of Vegetables by measurement & also to report on the subject of Weights & Measures

Alderman Mesier from the Committee to whom was referred the subject of regulating Hackney Carriages reported an Ordinance which was read & after some time spent thereon the further consideration thereof was postponed until the next meeting of the Board.

Resolved that all accounts against this Board be in future presented in Dollars & Cents.

Ordered that whensoever the Purchasers of the Inclenburgh Lots shall have executed Deeds of Reconveyance of said lots to the Corporation and their Deeds and the Title of the said Purchasers shall have been examined by Mʳ Hawes as Council for the Board, & be certified by him as correct & sufficient the Comptroller shall be authorized to issue the Bonds of this Corporation to said purchasers agreably to the Resolutions of this Common Council.

[191] Ordered that it shall be the duty of the Superintendant of Lamps to collect from the Proprietors of private lamps which are lighted by the Corporation the sums that are respectively due from them for the same & pay such sums when collected forthwith to the Chamberlain or Treasurer of this Corporation

Ordered that it be referred to the Committee on the Fire Department & Mʳ Wilson to take into consideration the devising of some plan to prevent the waste of water at the time of Fires & to report thereon to the Board.

Ordered that the Superintendant of Repairs be directed to furnish Staves of Office to the newly elected members of the Common Council.

The Comptroller reported

Cash in the Treasury	5750.19
Warrants not presented	1906.70
	$3843.49

Whereupon his Honor the Mayor was requested to issue his Warrants to pay the following Accounts Viz

[192] W. Fish City Treasurer 1 Q^{r} Salary 14 Nov^{r} 1811		125.
Peter A Jay & Inspectors of Election 1st Ward		18.
Luke Torboss painting & Glazing public build^{gs}		446.17
John Johnson Ironwork for Do		141.35
Ephraim Gennings Lighting Lamps 1 Mo to 11th inst		572.84
W^{m} Butler Ironwork for Pumps &c		22.47
John Pulis digging a Well in Varick Street		13.
Oliver Waldron Overseer of Roads 1 Oct^{r} to 6 Dec^{r}		639. 1
Tho^{s} & Geo. Lovett a/c Delancey Street		530.
John Bailey a/c Orchard St^{t} $200 bal^{ce} Grand St 214.80		414.80
Abraham Stagg a/c Second Street		400.
Hugh Smith a/c Grand Street		280.
Tho^{s} & Geo: Lovett a/c Stanton Street		100.
Hugh Scott rep^{g} Intersections E Side Peck Slip		77.88
Richard Furman a/c Alms House		2500.
		6280.52
Balance from the other side	*3843.49	
Cash pd in since the a/c was adjusted about	2500.	6343.49
	Balance	$62.97

[193] In Common Council December 23^{d} 1811

Present Pierre C. Van Wyck Esq^{r} Recorder President

Peter Mesier	Aldermen	Samuel Jones Jun^{r}	Assistants
Thomas Carpenter		Peter Hawes	
Richard Cunningham		Augustine H. Lawrence	
John Morss		Elisha W. King	
Isaac S. Douglass		George Wilson	
George Buckmaster		Josiah Hedden	
Peter H. Wendover		Michael M. Titus	
Nicholas Fish		William J. Waldron	
John Pell		John Drake	

The Minutes of the last meeting were read & approved.

A Petition of Robert Boss complaining of Abner Curtis not paying

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* This represents the amount given in the comptroller's report above, which in the manuscript volume was on the other side of the page.—ED.

him for services under the Dog law was read Whereupon resolved that Petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition

M^{r} King stated to the Board that he had been requested by M^{r} James Tylee one of the Engineers of the Fire Department to tender to the Board his resignation of that Office Whereupon resolved that his resignation be accepted.

[194] A letter was received from Thomas Franklin Cheif Engineer of the Fire Department recommending in behalf of the Engineers M^{r} Benjamin Strong as a suitable person to fill the Vacancy in the Engineers occasioned by the resignation of James Tylee Whereupon Resolved that Benjamin Strong be and he is hereby appointed an Engineer of the Fire Department.

A Petition of Edward Burke to be appointed one of the Street Inspectors was read & referred to the Committee on Applications

A Communication was rec'd from the Fire Wardens of the City stating that as the use of Hoses had in a great measure superceded the use of Fire Buckets, a Committee had been appointed by their body to confer with the Corporation on that subject & to suggest the propriety of repealing the Ordinance requiring Owners & occupants of Houses to furnish buckets, And also recommended to the Common Council an application to the Legislature for an extension of the limits within which wooden buildings are not to be erected.

Ordered that the same be referred to Ald^{n} Mesier M^{r} Wilson Ald^{n} Wendover

[195] A Petition of Sundry Inhabitants praying a Lamp to be placed at the corner of Lombardy Street & Pot-Ash Alley was read and referred to the Lamp Committee.

A further Petition from Sundry Bakers praying a further allowance to them on the Assize of Bread was read and laid upon the table to be taken up when the report of the Committee on that subject is considered.

A Communication was received from the Attorney of the Board covering a Letter to him from John L. Lawrence Es^{r} informing that he was directed by Rich^{d} P. Lawrence to institute suits against the Corporation on the Bonds of Arbitration entered into between them respecting Ground taken for opening Chamber Street—the Corporation not having complied with the award made in that case Whereupon Resolved that it be referred to the Finance Committee the Comptroller & Street Commissioner to raise by loan the amount awarded to R. P. Lawrence and to tender the same to him if in their opinion proper.

A Memorial was received from Michael Wims stating that he was a Purchaser of one of the Inclenberg Lots & having made considerable improvements thereon he considered himself entitled to compensation for those improvements—Whereupon Resolved that it be referred to a *Com* [196] Committee consisting of Alderman Fish Messr Hardenbrook & Lawrence with authority if they cannot agree with the Petitioner as to the amount of compensation to be $\overset{\text{allowed}}{\text{paid}}$ him to refer the same to Arbitration and to appoint an Arbitrator on the part of this Board.

A Petition was received from Philip Rhinelander praying to be relieved from the Assessment for opening Washington Street between Harrison & Beach Streets which was referred to the Alderman & Assistant of 5th Ward & Street Comssr

A Letter from the Reverend Samuel Miller in behalf of sundry inhabitants recommending to the Common Council to sanction the distribution of Dr Rush's pamphlet on the destructive effects of intemperate drinking was read & referred to the Committee of Charity.

A Letter from Members of the Manumission Society calling the attention of the Common Council to the situation of the Boys employed as Chimney Sweeps was read & referred to the Committee of Charity.

A Petition from OBlenis & Simmons employed as Builders of Tammany Hall praying permission to pile bricks in the fork't fork of the Street opposite said building until the [197] first of May next, was read and granted under the direction of the Aldn & Assistants of the 3d & 4th Wards.

The Attorney of the Board stated that complaints had been made to him against Andrew Dooley Grocer and Tavern Keeper for keeping Gambling tables in the House occupied by him, and he wished the instructions of the Board on the subject—Whereupon Resolved that the Attorney be directed to institute a prosecution against said Dooley upon his recognizance.

The following persons were appointed Firemen the Cheif Engineer certifying the vacancies

Fire Engine Company No 6

Oliver A. White Accountant No 211 Greenwich Stt 3 W.
v. Ab. Shotwell resigd
John M. Lester Do Harrison St 5 W. v Joseph Taylor "
John Dunn Grocer Grand & Orange Stt 6 W. v. John Hazard

N° 24

Sam^{l} Earle Sail maker Duane St^{t} 5 W. v. Sam^{l} Maverick res^{d}

The Street Commissioner & City Inspector, on the Petition of Alex^{r} Ball reported against granting the prayer of the Petition, which was agreed to.

The Committee of repairs to whom was referred the petition of Peter Dob praying to be appointed Repairer of the Docks [198] belonging to the Corporation Reported

That they have taken the subject into consideration and are of opinion that the Superintendant of Repairs with the advice and direction of the Committee will be competent to attend to the Repairs of the Docks by the employment of such persons as circumstances may from time to time require, and therefore your Committee are of opinion that no such appointment is necessary

P. H. Wendover
Dec^{r} 23^{d} 1811 John Morss
Mich^{l} M. Titus
R, Cunningham,

which was agreed to.

Resolved that the Inspection of Manure be divided into two Districts to be denominated Eastern & Western and that Daniel Canniff & Daniel Cotton be assigned as Inspectors to the Eastern, & Andrew Van Orden & James Seaman to the Western District.

On motion of Ald^{n} Douglass Chairman of Watch Comm^{ee} Resolved that a Fourth Watch District be established to be stationed in Spring Street—The Board then proceeded to ballot for Captains & Assistants of said Watch when Lewis Angevine was appointed one of the Captains and George Gardner his Assistant, and Zadock Hedden was appointed the other Captain & Isaac Van Dyck his Assistant.

[199] Resolved that the Committee on Chamber Street charged with the consideration of the Rents to be paid by the Lessees of the Lots, the buildings on which were destroyed by fire be discharged from that part of their duty & that it be referred to the Comptroller & Street Commissioner to consider of & report upon the same to the Board.

The Market Committee to whom the subject had been referred reported an Ordinance to prevent frauds in the sale and measurement of Vegetables, which, after some consideration was referred back to the same Committee, with a request to report some additional clauses thereto.

A Member having stated that he had some business to communicate which was confidential—the Spectators were requested to withdraw & the doors were closed

Doors Closed.

It having been represented to the Board that property belonging to Jacob Lewis on Long Island directly opposite to Horn Hook was advertized to be sold at Auction & that it would be highly advantageous to the Corporation to possess the same for the purposes of a Ferry it was Resolved that Mr Lawrence be authorized to purchase the same for a sum not exceeding $4000.

The Doors were again opened

The Comptroller reported Cash in the Treasury	5903.60
Warrants not presented	659.36
Balance	$5244.24

[200] Whereupon Resolved that his Honor the Recorder issue his Warrants to pay as follows

Lawrence & Van Wart Watch	592.90
Farrington & White Do	592.90
Goodheart & Hays Do	779.80
Stephen Stephens Stationary for Comptroller to 21 Decr	12.90
P. Burtsell do for City Inspector & Mayors office	192.13
Southwick & Pelsue printing for Corporation to 13 Decr	137.50
Thos & Geo: Lovett a/c DeLancey	900.
Gosman & McComb paving Washgton Stt from Murray to Warren Street	250.
Abraham Stagg a/c Second Street	150.
Gosman & McComb Curb & Gutter Stone &c &c	21.72
Conrad Jordan putting up Lamp Posts	25.12
	$3655. 1

*[201] In Common Council December 30th 1811.

Present Pierre C. Van Wyck Esqr Recorder President.

Peter Mesier
Thomas Carpenter
Charles Dickinson
Richard Cunningham
John Morss
George Buckmaster
Peter H. Wendover
Aldermen

Samuel Jones Junr
Peter Hawes
Elisha W. King
George Wilson
Josiah Hedden
Michael M. Titus
Wm J. Waldron
Wm A. Hardenbrook
John Drake.
Assistants

The Minutes of the last meeting were read & approved.

A Petition of John Stevens praying that a further rate of ferriage may be allowed to the Steam Boat employed by him at Hoboken ferry was read & referred to the Steam Ferry Boat Committee. Alderman Wendover was appointed on that Committee vice Alderman Hoghland.

A Petition of Thaddeus Keeler was read stating that on the 13th of November last his Store was broken open and robbed, that he has discovered that one of the felons, named Van Everen is at [202] Poughkeepsie, that he is not in funds to defray the expence of bringing on said felon to this City for his trial & therefore praying the assistance of the Board, Resolved that it be referred to the following Committee with authority to advance a sum not exceeding One Hundred Dollars for the purpose of said Petition Messrs King Wilson Aldn Buckmaster

A Petition of Fire Engine Company No 19 for a Reel to dry the Leader, was read & Ordered that the Superintendant of Repairs be directed to furnish the reel required.

A Memorial of P. Kenan proposing to light the Lamps of the City on a more economical plan than the one now pursued was referred to the Lamp Committee.

A Petition of John Hardcastle & of Pelsue & Gould praying to be appointed as Painters of the Corporation, were read, & referred for further consideration.

A request was received from Stephen Hitchcock praying to be allowed until the first of August next for payment of the balance due by him to the Corporation on the Manure Contract was read and granted.

[203] A Petition of Wm Parkins for a stall to stand small meat in the lower Fly Market was read & referred to the Market Committee

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* Page not numbered in the manuscript.—ED.

Alderman Mesier laid before the Board a letter to him from His Excell^{y} Gov^{r} Tompkins on the subject of the application made by the Corporation to the Legislature of this State at their last Session for the Government House of this City which was directed to be referred to Ald^{n} Mesier Mess^{rs} Hedden Wilson

An account of Andrew M^{c}Laughlin for articles belonging to him & used in erecting the Flag Staff at the Battery was read & referred to Ald^{n} Mesier Carpenter M^{r} Jones.

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of *of* Philip Rhinelander to be exonerated from the Assessment for opening Washington Street from Harison to Beach Street Report

That on investigation of the subject they believe, that at the time of M^{r} Rhinelander's opening Washington St^{t} from Jay to Harison Street he was fully persuaded that [204] there would be no assessment for opening Washington Street to the Northward,

But as payment is demanded for ground between Harison & Beach Street & an Assessment made for that purpose M^{r} Rhinelander thinks he ought to be paid for the ground given out between Jay & Harison Streets or be exempt from the present assessment which is 2210 Dollars

Your Committee are of opinion that M^{r} Rhinelander should pay the Assessment South of Jay Street which is D^{rs} 816, and that he should be exempt from the payment of that North of Jay Street which is D^{rs} 1394 on condition that he cede to the Corporation all the ground claimed by him & required for Washington Street, which he has consented to do provided that no assessment be made for refunding the money.

Which is respectfully submitted

John Morss
Dec^{r} 30. 1811. George Wilson
Sam^{l} Stilwell S^{t} Comss^{r}

which was agreed to.

Recommendations from the Fire Wardens of the 8th Ward in favor of Tunis Van Pelt as Fire Warden in place of Peter H. Wendover Esq^{r} elected a Member of the Board was read & laid for further consideration

[205] The Street Commissioner presented a Return of Delinquents on the Assessment for widening Jay Street from Greenwich Street to Washington Street was read & a Warrant ordered to issue to the Collector.

The Committee of Charity to whom the memorial on D^r^ Rush's pamphlet was referred Respectfully Reported that they had the same under consideration and are of opinion that from a large distribution of said pamphlet much good might result, they therefore recommend that the Corporation purchase Two Thousand of said pamphlets & distribute them as this Board may direct, which is respectfully submitted

Michael M. Titus
Richard Cunningham
Thomas Carpenter
John Drake.

which was agreed to & the pamphlets were directed to be distributed among the Members of the Board for further distribution & to the Superintendant of the Alms House

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Thomas M^c^Conaghy reported that in their opinion it is proper that the Bond thereinmentioned be paid provided the condition of said bond be simply for the payment of monies alone without any particular condition thereto attached

[206] Which is respectfully submitted

W^m^ A. Hardenbrook
P. H. Wendover
George Wilson
S. Jones Jun^r^
Josiah Hedden.

Which was agreed to.

The following report was rec'd from the Comptroller "That Richard P. Lawrence has agreed to accept a Bond from the Corporation payable at Six months with lawful interest from this date for the balance due him for Ground taken to open Chamber Street as reported on the 16th inst^t^ The order of the Board on this subject is respectfully requested
G. N. Bleecker
Dec^r^ 30. 1811
Compt^r^

Which was approved & a Bond ordered to issue agreably thereto.

On motion of M^r^ Jones Resolved that the Committee appointed to examine into the Title of the grounds at Hudson Square be discharged from further consideration of said subject—Resolved further that the Comptroller report Warrants for sums due for paving &c^a^ around the same & Resolved further that the Street Commissioner cause the proper legal steps to be taken to recover the sums due for said pavements &c.

[207] On motion of M^r^ Hawes resolved that W^m^ P. Roome Keeper of Pottersfield be allowed hereafter the sum of One dollar & fifty Cents per diem for his services in said office.

M^r^ King stated to the Board that the directions of the late Act of the Legislature regulating the Ferry of Brooklyn as it related to the construction of the Ferry Boats was inconvenient & in fact impracticable of being carried into execution, the Boats agreable to said act not being manageable; that the present lessees of the ferry had received the boats from the Corporation which had been used by the former lessees, & that the former lessees had instituted suits against the present lessees for using those Boats, Under such circumstances he tho't a Memorial ought to be presented to the Legislature praying a repeal or at least an amendment of said Law & he therefore moved that a Committee be appointed for that subject, which was agreed to, & the following Committee was appointed Mess^rs^ King Hawes & Wilson

M^r^ Hawes moved that the Committee heretofore appointed on the Petitions of the persons interested & whose property is affected by the Assessment on Canal Street be discharged from a further consideration of said subject—On the [208] Question of agreeing to the same, a Division having been called, the Members voted as follows.

Affirmative Alderm^n^ Carpenter Cunningham Buckmaster Mess^s^ Hawes King, Titus Hardenbrook, Drake 8

Negative Al^n^ Mesier, Dickinson Morss, Wendover, Mess^s^ Jones Wilson Hedden Waldron 8

The Board being equally divided the Recorder gave a casting vote in the Negative

M^r^ Hawes then moved that the Assessment Books of Canal Street be placed in the hands of Collectors for Collection Alderman Mesier moved that the consideration of M^r^ Hawes motion be postponed, the question was taken on the motion of Ald^n^ Mesier & a Division having been called the Members voted as follows

Affirmative Ald^n^ Mesier Dickinson Morss, Wendover Mess^s^ Jones Wilson Hedden Waldron 8

Negative Ald^n^ Carpenter, Cunningham Buckmaster Mess^s^ Hawes King, Titus Hardenbrook, Drake. 8

The Common Council being equally divided, the Recorder gave his casting Vote in the Affirmative.

[209] The Comptroller reported Cash in Treasury	3506.82
Warrants not presented	317.59
	$3189.23

Accounts Audited

R. Graves Asst Street Comssr 1 Mo Saly to 1st Jany	65.
Mott Hicks Do Do	52.
Adrian B. Holmes Do	52.
William P. Roome K. Pottersfd Do	31.
John W. Mulligan Intt on a Bond to Woolsey	120.
Cornelius C. Van Alen do to Estate of Clopper	62.50
Jacob Hays 9 Sundays 3d Ward	13.50
John Hubbard for intestate [estate] of Ra Jenkins ordd 16th inst	56.
John K. Leaycraft, Leader for Engine No 8	87.50
Bailey & Graham earth for Collect	70.58
Enoch Hoyt, Cartage to bridge in Broadway	8.
Adolphus Loss surveying Washington Stt	7.98
Charles Holt Advetg for St Commssr	11.
Edward Dunscomb late Sheriff for openg Streets	33.25
Richard Furman Treasr New Alms House Pr Order	2500.
	$3'170.31

[210] In Common Council January 6th 1812.

Present Pierre C. Van Wyck Esqr Recorder President

Peter Mesier
Thomas Carpenter
Charles Dickinson
Richard Cunningham
John Morss
Isaac S. Douglass
George Buckmaster
Peter H. Wendover
Nicholas Fish
John Pell
} Aldermen

Samuel Jones Junr
Peter Hawes
Augustine H. Lawrence
Elisha W. King
George Wilson
Josiah Hedden
Michael M. Titus
William J. Waldron
Wm A. Hardenbrook
John Drake
} Assistants

The Minutes of the last meeting were read & approved.

A Petition of Richard Ford for a Stand in the lower Fly or Catharine Market was read & referred to the Market Committee

A Petition was read from Robert Kelly & George Sinclair stating that they are Proprietors of five sevenths of Lot No 31 at Inclenburg that they are desirous of transferring their right to the Corporation upon the terms granted to the other proprietors, but that Robert Steele who owns the remaining two sevenths of said lot refuses [211] to join with them & they pray that the Common Council will authorize a settlement with them for their proportions of said lot Whereupon Resolved that the Comptroller be authorized to receive a reconveyance from the said Robert Kelly and George Sinclair of their respective proportions of said lot upon the same Terms granted to the other proprietors of the Inclenbergh lots

A Petition from Joseph Watkins & others complaining that the Steam Boats lying in Spring Street Basin encumber the same so as to prevent the loading and unloading of Vessels praying that they may be removed, was read & referred to the Aldermen & Assistants of 5th & 8th Wards.

A Petition from Henry Heiser praying for a Water Grant opposite to his three lots north side of Charlton Street fronting Greenwich St^t was read & referred to the Comptroller and Street Commissioner

The City Inspector reported drafts of Ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances from N° 305 to 309 which were passed

The Street Commissioner presented a Return of Delinquents upon the Assessment for paving Second Street & for paving of Washington Street & Warrants were ordered to issue to the Collectors for collecting the same.

[212] The Committee appointed at the meeting on the last for the purpose of purchasing the ground belonging to Jacob Lewis opposite to Horns Hook ferry reported that he has completed the same at the sum limited payable in two Bonds to be issued by the Board

One bond to be given as p^r agreement to the party who holds the mortgage payable in one year with Interest for......................	$2960.
One for balance to Commodore Lewis payable in two years with Interest	1040.
	4000.

The Undersigned would recommend to the Board to have the mortgage assigned to the Corporation instead of having it paid off and their holding it.

A Deed for the whole of the property will of course be taken from Commodore Lewis. The Attorney or Council for the Board will see that the Corporation have a good and complete title.

30th Dec^r 1811 Signed A H Lawrence Chairman
of the Committee of Finance

Which was agreed to and it was referred to the following Committee to submit to Council the examination of the conveyance from

Jacob Lewis to the Corporation of said ground Viz Mess^{s} Jones King Lawrence

[213] The Committee on the Fire Department upon the Petition of Fire Engine Company N° 4 praying an addition of four men & of Fire Engine Company N° 10 praying an addition of five men more reported that in their opinion the Petitions ought to be granted, Which was agreed to.

The Committee on the Petition of Joshua Jones Reported That M^{r} Jones proposes to sink a Bulkhead at the East side of West Street so as to preserve the accommodations made for the Hoboken Ferry, and to fill at his own expense so much of the half of Vesey Street opposite his lots as requires filling

Which propositions your Committee are of opinion are reasonable & ought to be acceeded to, Which is respectfully submitted

S. Jones Jun^{r}
Jan^{y} 6th 1812 Tho^{s} Carpenter
G. Buckmaster
Sam^{l} Stilwell S^{t} Comss^{r}

Which was agreed to.

The Committee on the Petition of John D DeLacy reported that they had the subject under consideration & are of opinion it would be inexpedient at present to appropriate any money to the object stated in his Petition, Which is submitted

E. W. King
Jan^{y} 6th 1812 W^{m} A. Hardenbrook
Tho^{s} Carpenter

Which was agreed to.

[214] On Motion of M^{r} Hawes a former resolution of the Board directing a new Supply Engine to be constructed was reconsidered & on like motion the said Resolution was rescinded.

M^{r} Hawes then stated to the Board that Richard Crosby had obtained from the United States a Patent for a new invented Fire Engine more powerful in its operations and less expensive in its construction than those now in use. He therefore moved that Richard Crosby be employed to construct an Engine upon his plan for the use of this Corporation which was agreed to and it was Ordered to be constructed under the direction of the Committee on the Fire Department & of such dimensions as they shall judge proper.

The Committee on the proposal of P. Kenan respecting the lighting of the public Lamps presented a report, which was referred back to the same Committee.

It having been stated that Levi Coit to whom & to M^r^ S. A. Lawrence a Water Grant was directed to be made out, had conveyed his right to M^r^ Peter Schermerhorn it was Ordered that the said Grant be made to M^r^ Lawrence & M^r^ Schermerhorn.

The Board proceeded to ballot for a Person to perform the printing Work of the Common Council in the place of Henry C Southwick who had removed from the City when on counting the ballots it appeared that John Hardcastle had nineteen ballots in [215] his favor & was accordingly appointed Printer to the Corporation

Resolved that the following be a Committee to take into consideration & to report as to the propriety of appointing a Gentleman learned in the law to act as Council of the Corporation; the same Committee were also requested to report the compensation proper to be allowed to M^r^ Hawes for services rendered to the Board upon various matters referred to him for legal advice—Viz Mess^rs^ Jones King Lawrence

Resolved that the Comptroller under the direction of the Finance Committee be authorized to borrow the sum of twenty five Thousand Dollars ($25000) for the period of ninety days to be applied to the payment of the accounts audited this evening & to the Bond due John M^c^Cammon

Resolved that the following be a Committee to investigate the accounts of the Superintendants of Streets for the year 1810 Viz Ald^n^ Douglass Mesier M^r^ Wilson

Alderman Mesier moved that when the Common Council [216] adjourn that they *h*adjourn to meet at the Old City Hall On the question of agreeing to the same it passed in the negative the Members voting as follows

Negative Ald^n^ Carpenter, Cunningham Morss, Douglass Buckmaster Wendover, Pell Mess^s^ Hawes Lawrence, King Hedden, Waldron, Hardenbrook Titus, Drake, 15.

Affirmative Ald^n^ Mesier, Dickinson, Fish, M^r^ Jones, Wilson 5

It was then moved that when the Common Council adjourn that they adjourn to meet at the Alms House, a Division having been called, the votes were as follows,

Affirmative Ald^n^ Wendover Fish Pell Mess^s^ Jones, Lawrence, King, Wilson, Hedden, Waldron Hardenbrook 10

Negative Ald^n^ Mesier, Carpenter, Dickinson Morss, Douglass, Buckmaster Cunningham Mess^s^ Hawes, Titus, Drake, 10

The Board being equally divided the Recorder gave his casting vote in the Affirmative.

The Board then adjourned to meet at the Alms House on Monday next at 4 oClock

The Comptroller reported Cash in the Treasury	10240.52
Warrants not presented	80.
Drs	10'160.52

Whereupon His Honor the Recorder was requested to issue his [217] Warrants to pay the following accts

Lawrence & Van Wart Watch	592.90
Farrington & White	592.90
Goodheart & Hays	494.90
Angevine & Hedden	346.15
Saml Stilwell Stt Comssr 1 Qr Saly to 5th inst	375.
Jas Hardie Asst City Insptr 1 Mo 1st inst	62.50
Andrew Otterson do do	52.
Saml Brower 3 Mos Public Advertiser 5th inst	18.75
Edward Watkeys Candles for City Hall	18.
R. Kent dinner for Corporation 25th Novr (J Morton)	550.
John Reins 261 days attdg the Park	65.25
John Smart writing 4 Books Canal Stt Assessmt	200.
Henry Mather examg & adding do	30.
Abijah Pell Iron rivets chains & balls for convicts &c	68. 6
Joshua Barker Boilers for Bridewell &c	47.38
Jonathan Randel junr work at Roads 15 Mar. to 15 Novr	1237.50
Walter Allen repg Docks at Fly Market & Peck Slip	106.20
O Neil & Lee repairs to Wells 4. 5. 6. 8. 10 Wards	141.96
Henry Brush repairs to Pumps 7 & 10 Wards	60.25
Mattw Banks Do do	58.70
Jas Richardson Do Wells 10th Ward	17.19
Abraham Stagg balce curb & gutter stone Laight Stt	455.83
Thos & Geo: Lovett acct Broome Stt	200.
Do do Stanton Street	120.
Archibald Smyth paving Delancy Street	100.
[*217] Michael M. Titus Chan Comee Charity Dr Rushs Pampts	80.
Jacob P. Roome to pay Workmen	225.
Wm Torrey late chairmn Lamp Come on a/c balce due	3000.
Walter Bowne President Phœnix Compy Interest on bonds	10500.
Chas McEvers President New York Insurance Co do	1800.
A. H. Lawrence Esqr Interest on Bonds	284.31
Thos McConoughy Canal Strt Bond &c ordd 30th Decr	889.75

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* Clerk's error in numbering.—ED.